

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP			
Cross-Party Group on Crofting			
DATE GROUP APPROVED			
Pre-2003 or latest approval at AGM 20 March 2013			
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED			
12 April 2013			
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES			
<p>Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>			
Date	Topics	MSPs	Non-MSPs
21/03/2012	Crofting Connections – food and schools CAP / SRDP reform 2014 Crofting Reform 2010 Act implementation Consolidation of the crofting Acts Protection of seeds	3	17
02/05/2012	Sustainable food production and crofting Crofting Reform 2010 Act implementation Planning and crofting CAP / SRDP reform 2014 Consolidation of the crofting Acts	2	14
20/06/2012	Mapping the common grazings CAP direct payments and common grazings Mapping crofts Consolidation of the crofting Acts	4	23
19/09/2012	CAP / SRDP reform 2014 Crofting Reform 2010 Act implementation Minister for Environment talk and discussion Croft house grant scheme Fuel prices and discounts	3	14
31/10/2012	SRDP agri-environment and common grazings The Crofting Register and community mapping 'Duty to report' of grazings committees Residential care home charges and crofting Consolidation of the crofting Acts	5	18
12/12/2012	Crofting Commission – convenor Crofting and the SRDP – working group	4	20

	report Crofting Reform 2010 Act implementation Consolidation of the crofting Acts		
06/02/2013	Woodland crofts Call for new crofts Land leaving and coming into crofting tenure Crofting community mapping CAP 2014 Crofting Reform 2010 Act implementation Consolidation of the crofting Acts	3	15
20/03/2013	AGM Minister for Environment talk and discussion, inc. Raasay shooting rights Crofting regulation - Occupancy Initiative Crofting Reform 2010 Act implementation Crofting community mapping case study CAP 2014 Consolidation of the crofting Acts	4	14

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Angus MacDonald
Claire Baker
Dave Thompson
David Stewart
Jamie McGrigor
Jean Urquhart
John Finnie
Liam McArthur
Mary Scanlon
Rhoda Grant
Rob Gibson
Tavish Scott

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Organisations	Crofting Commission European Forum for Nature Conservation & Pastoralism Highland Council Highlands & Islands Enterprise National Farmers Union Scotland Nourish Scotland Soil Association Scotland Scottish Crofting Federation
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	Scottish Land & Estates Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Western Isles Council
Individuals	Donald Cameron Fiona MacKenzie Lisa Strachan Ronnie Eunsen Tom Gray
<p>GROUP OFFICE BEARERS</p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	
Convener	Jamie McGrigor MSP
Deputy Convener	Jean Urquhart MSP
Deputy Convener	Rhoda Grant MSP
Secretary	Patrick Krause
<p>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP</p> <p>Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.</p> <p>Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.</p> <p>Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.</p>	
No financial benefits. Secretariat support is provided by Patrick Krause - about 50 hours per year, most of which is in his own time.	
<p>SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
There is no subscription.	

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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