

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME *Code of Conduct 6.2.4*

Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title *Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament*.

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cuba

2. DATE GROUP APPROVED

June 2011

3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT

Dec 2012

4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).

AGM 12 Dec 2012 – 4 MSP's 1 non MSP in attendance
Main purpose of meeting was to re-elect office bearers

Meeting 13th Sept 2012 – 4 MSP's, 36 non MSP's in attendance
Meeting discussed the joint Cuba/UK art exhibition *Beyond the Frame*, on-going issues in Latin American countries and the Miami Five campaign. Guests speeches from Luis Marron ICAP and Dr Aleida Guevara

Meeting 9th May 2012 – 5 MSP's, 33 non MSP's in attendance
Meeting discussed *Beyond the Frame* art exhibition, developing closer links with Cuba, the possibility of an Honorary Consul, the Cuba Conservation Trust, the Miami Five campaign and issues involving other Latin American countries. Guest speeches from Her Excellency Esther Armenteros Cardenas, Cuban Ambassador also Antonio Guerrero Carbrera and Rose Aurora Freijanes Coca, family members of the Miami Five.

Meeting 14 Dec 2011- 4 MSP's, 20 non MSP's in attendance
Meeting discussed an invitation being issued to the new Cuban Ambassador to address the group, Scotland Week in Cuba, 50th Anniversary of the blockade, an agreement to having a standing item on the agenda from the Venezuela Solidarity Campaign to discuss matters of interest in Latin American Countries and the Cuba Conservation Trust. Guest speaker was Jorge Aliaga.

Meeting 28th Sept 2011- 4 MSP's, 11 non MSP's in attendance

Meeting discussed the possibility of a joint delegation to Cuba in conjunction with the Westminster Group on Cuba, The Festival of Politics, forthcoming Beyond the Frame Exhibition, the Miami Five Campaign and developing closer links with the Cuban Embassy. Guest speaker Jan Pietrasik.

16th June 2011

Inauguration meeting

Meeting held to re-establish the group and elect office bearers

5. GROUP MEMBERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs

Elaine Smith
Sandra White
Neil Findlay
Hugh Henry
Drew Smith
Murdo Fraser
Jim Hume

Non-MSPs Individuals

Liz Elkind, Vince Mills, Pauline Mills, Stuart Hyslop, Neil Anderson, Pauline Boyle, Kevin Carroll, Peter Clifford, Kath Bateman, Vicky Grandon, Tommy Kane, Dougie Kerr, John McAllion, Simon McFarlane, Valentina Montoya, Ronnie Moran, Cllr Gordon Munro, Dot Sharkey, Arthur West, Ian Parsons, Margaret McGregor, Freida Park, Gerry Corbett, Pamela Holmes, Dr Joan Cutting, Marlyn Glen, Ray Newton, Adrienne Chalmers, Jan Pietrasik,

Organisations

Kath Campbell, **Scottish Cuba Solidarity**
Brian Pollitt, **Scottish medical aid for Cuba**
Phil McGarry, Scottish Venezuela Solidarity
Ann Henderson, **STUC**

6. GROUP OFFICERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

Convener	Elaine Smith
Vice-Convener	Sandra White, Neil Findlay
Secretary	Liz Elkind
Treasurer	N/A

7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED *Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10*

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description

8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9*

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

Amount per group member per year	
Date subscription applied	

9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

Staff name	
Title of post	
Name and address of employer organisation	

Type of employer organisation	
10. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4</i>	
Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.	
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