

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Cuba

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

16 June 2011

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

6 February 2014

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

AGM 5 Feb 2014 – 3 MSP's 1 non MSP in attendance

Main purpose of meeting was to re-elect office bearers. This AGM was postponed from 12th Dec 2013 due to coincidence with a number of funerals MSP's were attending.

Meeting 9th October 2013 – 2 MSP's, 17 non MSP's in attendance

Along with standard agenda items i.e. updates on Miami Five and Venezuela Solidarity Campaign on matters of interest in the region, Members welcomed guest speaker Keith Bolender, Author of Voices from the Other Side and Cuba under Siege.

Meeting 29th May 2013 – 3 MSP's, 11 non MSP's in attendance

Along with standard agenda items i.e. updates on Miami Five and Venezuela Solidarity Campaign on matters of interest in the region the group watch a viewing of

the film, Will the Real Terrorist Please Stand UP.

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.

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

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.

Individuals

Liz Elkind
Vince Mills
Pauline Bryan
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

	Colin McCulloch Graham McGeoch Richard Le Sueur Paul Harding
Organisations	Scottish Cuba Solidarity Scottish medical aid for Cuba Scottish Venezuela Solidarity STUC

GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

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.

Convener	Elaine Smith
Deputy Convener	Sandra White, Neil Findlay
Secretary	Liz Elkind
Treasurer	n/a

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

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.

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.

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.

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SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the

subscription is intended to be used.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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