

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME <i>Code of Conduct 6.2.4</i>	
Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title <i>Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament</i> .	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Funerals and Bereavement	
2. DATE GROUP APPROVED	3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT
23 June 2004	14 November 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).	
<p>Inaugural Group Meeting on 23 November 2011 – 3 MSPs, 8 non-MSPs: discussed release of deceased from hospitals, Social Fund, Retained Ashes, Press Complaints procedures, Death Certification, Transfers, work of Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland, and records availability.</p> <p>Group Meeting on 28 March 2012 – 2 MSPs, 9 non-MSPs: discussed work of Scottish Grief and Bereavement Hub, Death Certification, Retained Ashes, and Social Fund.</p> <p>Annual Meeting and Group Meeting on 14 November 2012 – 2 MSPs, 11 non-MSPs: Death Certification, Retained Ashes, Social Fund, Budgeting Loans, and Group membership.</p>	
5. GROUP MEMBERS <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8</i>	
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	Non-MSPs Individuals
Nanette Milne Stuart McMillan Helen Eadie Richard Lyle Bob Doris Malcolm Chisholm	John Birrell James Blackburn Gerard Boyle Graeme Brown Paul Cuthell Alan Fraser Nigel Lymn Rose Dominic Maguire Alan Slater David Beamer - Secretary

		Organisations
		National Association of Funeral Directors Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland The Scottish Grief and Bereavement Hub
6. GROUP OFFICERS <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4</i>		
Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.		
Co-Convener	Nanette Milne	
Co-Convener	Stuart McMillan	
Secretary	David Beamer	
Treasurer		
7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10</i>		
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
Date	Amount	Description
Annual	£5,400 plus VAT	The National Association of Funeral Directors pays Brevia Consulting to provide administrative services to the Group. David Beamer, a Director of Brevia Consulting, is the elected Secretary of the Group.
8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9</i>		
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 *Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4*

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.

Name	Nanette Milne
Parliamentary address	Room M2.14 The Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP
Telephone number	0131 348 5651
Constituency Office telephone number	01467 633 062