

## CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

### ANNUAL RETURN FORM

<b>1. GROUP NAME <i>Code of Conduct 6.2.4</i></b>	
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 Gaelic	
<b>2. DATE GROUP APPROVED</b>	<b>3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT</b>
	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
<b>4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>	
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).	
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2011. Issues discussed: 're-registration' of CPG; appointment of office bearers; role and remit of CPG; BBC ALBA available on freeview; GME provision in Edinburgh. (16 attendees: 3 MSPs; 13 non-MSPs)	
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2011. Issues discussed: Draft 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Plan for Gaelic; Bilingual business signage and marketing – research conclusions. (16 attendees: 2 MSPs; 14 non-MSPs)	
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2011. Issues discussed: CPG response to National Plan for Gaelic consultation; Special needs provision for children in GME; Gaelic in the Western Isles; BBC consultation "Delivering Quality First"; Bilingual trunk road signage. (13 attendees: 3 MSPs; 10 non-MSPs)	
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2012. Issues discussed: Scottish Parliament review of CPGs – draft response; Gaelic Language Act 2005; Special needs provision within GME; "Sruileag" – a Gaelic arts/heritage project. (18 attendees: 2 MSPs; 16 non-MSPs)	
<b>5. GROUP MEMBERS <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 &amp; 8</i></b>	
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.	
<b>MSPs</b>	<b>Non-MSPs Individuals</b>
Dave Thomson; Jamie McGrigor; Angus MacDonald; John Finnie; Rhoda Grant.	
	<b>Organisations</b>

	<p>Donald MacNeill, Comunn na Gàidhlig</p> <p>John Angus MacKay, Bòrd na Gàidhlig</p> <p>Rosemary Ward; Comhairle nan Leabhraichean</p> <p>DJ MacIntyre, Clì Gàidhlig</p> <p>Cllr Hamish Fraser, The Highland Council</p> <p>Cllr Agnes Rennie, Comhairle nan Eilean</p> <p>John MacLeod, An Comunn Gàidhealach</p> <p>Donald Campbell, MG Alba</p> <p>Anne Desseyn, Cearcall Còmhradh Fìobha</p> <p>Matthew MacIver, UHI</p> <p>Calum Alex MacMillan, Fèisean nan Gàidheal</p>
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#### **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.

<b>Convener</b>	Angus MacDonald, MSP
<b>Vice-Convener</b>	Jamie McGrigor, MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Donald MacNeill, Comunn na Gàidhlig
<b>Treasurer</b>	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
		No benefit exceeding £500 received in 2011/12
<b>8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9</i></b>		
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.		
<b>Amount per group member per year</b>		No subscription charged
<b>Date subscription applied</b>		
<b>9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS</b>		
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.		
<b>Staff name</b>		Not applicable
<b>Title of post</b>		
<b>Name and address of employer organisation</b>		
<b>Type of employer organisation</b>		
<b>10. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4</i></b>		
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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