

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 Racial Equality

2. DATE GROUP APPROVED

29 June 2012

3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT

30th September 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).

A total of 5 meetings were held in the year 2011/12.

29th June 2011 – Annual General Meeting 2010/11

Attendance: 21 in total, including 5 MSPs

Agenda subjects:

- Review of previous session
- Suggested issues for discussion at future meetings
- Gina Netto, Herriot Watt University - Poverty and ethnicity in Scotland

Actions arising:

- Re-registration of Cross Party Group
- Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment to ascertain what measures the Government intended to take to ensure equality and fair employment in work resulting from public sector procurement contracts
- Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth to ascertain the Government's position on ensuring racial diversity as part of its strategy to provide 25,000 modern apprenticeship places over the course of this parliament.

26th October 2011

Attendance: 19 in total, including 2 MSPs

Agenda subjects:

- Scottish Government legislative programme for 2011/12
- Revised Draft Specific Equality Duties for Scotland
- Rohini Sharma Joshi, Trust Housing Association - Care and Housing Needs of Older BME People

Actions arising:

- Questions raised with appropriate Ministers / departments regarding:
 - How the Government intends to make sure Modern Apprenticeship participation and completion is monitored by ethnicity
 - A breakdown of Parliamentary Staff numbers by ethnicity
 - Equality training opportunities provided to MSPs and their staff
 - How the Scottish Government integrates equality within procurement
 - Integration of appropriate housing, health and social care provision for BME older people
- Africa Centre Scotland to update Bob Doris MSP on their work re: the Mental Health Strategy and Self Directed Support.

25th January 2012

Attendance: 16 in total, including 2 MSPs

Agenda subjects:

- Work update from Secretariat
- Professor Geoff Palmer: 'Different but the Same'

Actions arising:

- Questions raised with appropriate Ministers / departments regarding:
 - Further aggregated information on Modern Apprenticeship participation and completion monitored by ethnicity
 - Job retention for Modern Apprentices (raise with CPG on Skills)
 - Uptake of equality training opportunities provided to MSPs /their staff
 - Race equality in social housing policy and strategy

21st March 2012

Attendance: 15 in total, including 2 MSPs

Agenda subjects:

- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination / CERD
- Mahmud Al-Gailani, VoX - Mental health service users' DVD project

Actions arising:

- Letter of commendation sent to Christina McKelvie MSP
- Letter sent to Chair of Convenors' Group re: equalities training
- Letter sent to the Scottish Government re: Sickle Cell Thalassaemia

13th June 2012

Attendance: 33 in total, including 5 MSPs

Agenda subjects:

- Destitution of Asylum Seekers in Glasgow
- Keith Wimbles and Patrick Mbulu, Voluntary Action Fund – Scottish Government Equality Unit funding for Race Equality Projects

Actions arising:

- Members with involvement in asylum issues to inform the CPG of any further developments on the situation in Glasgow
- Keith Wimbles to identify whether evaluation results can be shared and, if so, provide a copy to the Secretariat for distribution

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	Non-MSPs Individuals
Bob Doris MSP	n/a
Hanzala Malik MSP	Organisations

<p>Jamie McGrigor MSP Clare Adamson MSP Drew Smith MSP Jim Eadie MSP Patrick Harvie MSP Stuart McMillan MSP</p>	<p>Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations (Scotland) West of Scotland Regional Equality Council Frae Fife Community Organisation for Race Equality Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Black Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland Score Scotland Trust Housing Association EHRC Scotland STUC Black Workers Committee Thai Women's Association of Scotland SEMPER Scotland Stirling Multicultural Partnership MECOPP Migrants Rights Scotland Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Voices of Experience (VOX) Waverley Care African Health Project</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.

Convener	Bob Doris MSP
Vice-Convener	Hanzala Malik MSP; Humza Yousaf MSP (stepping down September 2012); Jamie McGrigor MSP
Secretary	Jatin Haria, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
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
02/08/11	£177.36	Payments made by CRER to Sodexo Ltd. at the Scottish Parliament for meeting refreshments (13 th June 2012 meeting refreshments not yet invoiced)
26/10/11	£118.44	
20/02/12	£160.68	
31/03/12	£112.62	

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	n/a
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	n/a
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.

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