

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 Scotch Whisky

2. DATE GROUP APPROVED

07 September 2011

3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT

14 June 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).

07 September 2011 (25 attendees – 12 MSPs, 13 Non-MSPs) First CPG meeting on Scotch Whisky, to promote a better understanding of the Scotch Whisky industry to members of the Scottish Parliament. To highlight that the industry plays a key role in Scotland with regards to the economy, exports, jobs, tourism, the environment and tackling alcohol misuse.

01 February 2012 (16 attendees – 8 MSPs, 8 Non-MSPs) Second CPG meeting on Scotch Whisky to look at Alcohol Misuse. The CPG heard from the Fife Alcohol Partnership Project, Andrew Barker of Fife Constabulary, and the SWA's alcohol policy manager.

08 February 2012 (100+ attendees) Garden Lobby Scotch Whisky Association Reception (First ever SWA reception in the Scottish Parliament) in conjunction with the Cross Party Group on Scotch Whisky to launch SWA's Jobs Report.

The event was an opportunity to highlight the importance of the Scotch Whisky industry, launch the SWA's Jobs Report and let MSPs meet people from the industry who work in their constituencies.

There was also a small exhibition on display which offered information on the Scotch Whisky industry, priorities for the industry and a chance to understand the type of jobs which are in the industry.

25 April 2012 (16 attendees – 6 MSPs, 10 Non-MSPs) Third CPG meeting on Scotch Whisky to highlight the importance of the legal protection of Scotch Whisky worldwide. The CPG heard from legal advisers from the SWA and Chivas Brothers.

14 June 2012 (26 attendees - 7 MSPs, 19 Non-MSPs) – to look at the importance of Scotch Whisky and Tourism and to hear from representatives from the Scotch

Whisky Experience and the Spirit of Speyside Festival. This also included the AGM.

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
<p>Mary Scanlon John Park David Stewart Annabelle Ewing Christine Grahame Claudia Beamish Dennis Robertson Hugh Henry Jackie Baillie</p>	<p>Siobhan Paterson (Scotch Whisky Association) Beatrice Morrice (Scotch Whisky Association) Jack Gemmell (Chivas Brothers) Ian Smith (Diageo) Alastair Ross (Pinsentmasons) Devin Scobie (Caledonia Consulting) Jenny Faichney (SEPA)</p>
<p>Jackson Carlaw Liam McArthur Margaret Mitchell Mary Fee Rob Gibson</p>	<p>Organisations Scotch Whisky Association Diageo Chivas Brothers Pinsentmasons Calendonias Consulting SEPA</p>

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	Mary Scanlon MSP and John Park MSP
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Vice-Convener	David Stewart MSP and Annabelle Ewing MSP
Secretary	Siobhan Paterson and Beatrice Morrice (Scotch Whisky Association)
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
08/02/2012	£2,655.60	<p>Scotch Whisky Association Reception (First ever SWA reception in the Scottish Parliament) in conjunction with the Cross Party Group on Scotch Whisky.</p> <p>The event was an opportunity to highlight the importance of the Scotch Whisky industry, launch the SWA's Jobs Report and let MSPs meet people from the industry who work in their constituencies.</p> <p>There was also a small exhibition on display which offered information on the Scotch Whisky industry, priorities for the industry and a chance to understand the type of jobs which are in the industry.</p>

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	N/A

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	N/A
Name and address of employer organisation	N/A
Type of employer organisation	N/A

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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