

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP			
Cross-Party Group on Crofting			
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.)			
29 June 2016			
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM			
20 June 2018			
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]			
28 June 2017			
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED			
19 July 2017			
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES			
<p>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.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>			
Date	Topics	MSPs	Non-MSPs
28/06/17	AGM: Nomination and election of group officials Business carried forward Woodland Crofts Crofting Law and Administration:	5	21

	<p>Legislation – crofting law reform – information gathering exercise</p> <p>Regulation</p> <p>Crofting Development: Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum and other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting: SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p>		
13/09/17	<p>National Development Plan for Crofting</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration:</p> <p>Regulation – new CC board and policy plan</p> <p>Legislation – crofting law reform update</p> <p>Crofting Development: Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum and other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting: SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p>	5	20
25/10/17	<p>Control of wild geese</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration:</p> <p>Regulation</p> <p>Legislation – crofting law reform update</p> <p>Crofting Development: Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum and other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting: SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p>	7	30
17/01/18	<p>Local abattoirs</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration:</p> <p>Regulation</p> <p>Legislation – update on consultation</p> <p>Crofting Development: Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum and other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting: SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p>	4	18
07/03/18	<p>Rates for sporting rights</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration:</p> <p>Regulation</p> <p>Legislation – update on consultation analysis</p> <p>Crofting Development: Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum and other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting: SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p>	2	20
28/03/18	<p>Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity, Fergus Ewing, reporting on intentions for taking crofting law reform forward.</p>	6	25
20/06/18	<p>AGM</p> <p>Nomination and election of group officials</p> <p>Crofting support</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration:</p>	4	29

	Regulation Legislation – taking reform forward; the plan Crofting Development: Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum and other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.		
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MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Rhoda Grant SL
Kate Forbes SNP
Tavish Scott SLD
Donald Cameron SC&U
John Finnie SGP
Edward Mountain SC&U
David Stewart SL
Maree Todd SNP
Gail Ross SNP
Alasdair Allan SNP
Richard Lochhead SNP
Liam MacArthur SLD
Angus MacDonald SNP
Emma Harper SNP

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	Angus MacDonald; David Smith; Derek Flynn; Donald Meek; Iain MacKinnon; Jamie McGrigor; Jean Urquhart; Jim Lugton; John Mackintosh; Joyce Wilkinson; Karen MacRae; Maria Scholten; Mark Shucksmith; Morag Jardine; Donald Murdie; Paddy Zakaria; Tom Edwards
Organisations	Assynt Foundation; Assist Social Capital; Crofting Commission; Care Farming Scotland; Common Good Food; Community Land Scotland; Crofting Law Group; Comhairle nan Eilean Siar; European Forum for Nature Conservation & Pastoralism; Forestry Commission Scotland; Highland Council; Highlands & Islands Enterprise; Highland Small Communities Housing Trust; James Hutton Institute; LANTRA; National Farmers Union

	Scotland; Nourish Scotland; National Trust for Scotland; Registers of Scotland; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland; SAC consulting; Soil Association Scotland; Scottish Crofting Federation; SCF Young Crofters; Scottish Churches Rural Group; Scottish Land & Estates; Scottish Natural Heritage; Smallholder Scotland; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; University of Highlands and Islands; Woodland Crofts Partnership; Woodland Trust Scotland.
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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	Rhoda Grant MSP; Tavish Scott MSP from 20 June 2018 (Kates Forbes MSP was also a convener until ministerial appointment 25 June)
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Patrick Krause

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.

The group benefits from the secretariat support provided by Patrick Krause, an employee of SCF, most of which is in his own time and for which he does not claim compensation in cash or kind. However as there is no provision within the CPG rules for an organisation to provide voluntary support, were Patrick to charge for his time it would amount to about £840 for the year (6 meetings, 7 hours per meeting including preparation, attendance and writing up minutes, at £20 per hr).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

There is no subscription.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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