

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Pakistan
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.)
8 th June 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
June 19 th 2018
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
13 th July 2018
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
28 th June 2017
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
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. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
The meeting held on the 14 th November 2017 was attended by 1 MSP and 30 individuals. The issues that were discussed included; a presentation from Ms Fizzah Niazi from the Community Welfare Attaché based at the Consulate General of Pakistan in

Manchester she has the responsibility for community welfare issues facing the Pakistani community in Scotland. She is the designated focal person for Scotland.

The meeting held on June 19th and 2 MSP were in attendance with 3 individuals present. The main issues that were discussed surrounded future events that was agreed to be held over to the AGM.

The meeting held on the 26th June was the AGM where office bearers were re-elected. The issues discussed at the meeting included; There is a new Consul General for Pakistan in Glasgow and a meeting with the CG would be of interest. Given the large numbers of the Pakistani community in Scotland being based in and around Glasgow, the group wanted to investigate whether this meeting could be held in the Consulate in Glasgow, which might attract more members from the Glasgow area to attend.

The group would be interested in hearing more about the current political situation in Pakistan. It was suggested that Anas Sarwar could help facilitate this through family links.

A meeting looking at the links of Scottish charities with Pakistan might be useful. Devin Scobie is a trustee of Starfish Asia, who support education in Pakistan, and would suggest some possible speakers. This could also cover the question of treatment of minority communities in Pakistan in areas such as education.

Once a new External Affairs Minister is appointed in the Scottish government, it would be interesting to get their perspective on Pakistan. Also a speaker from DFID could be invited who had experience of DFID programmes in the country.

Other activities include:

Pakistan Day event was held at the Scotland office on 22 March 2018 to mark Pakistan day. This was the first ever such event. This was initiated by the CPG on Pakistan. The event was attended by over 55 members of the Pakistani community from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee. Local Pakistan singer from Edinburgh Naeem sang few songs. Murdo Fraser spoke and mentioned that he was the co convener of the CPG on Pakistan along with James Dornan MSP, Anas Sarwar MSP and Willie Rennie MSP. Anas Sarwar attended and spoke. The consulate General of Pakistan also spoke along with Lord Duncan of the Scotland office. This event was covered by the Pakistan media as well.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

James Dornan MSP SNP

Murdo Fraser MSP Scottish Conservative

Anas Sarwar MSP Scottish Labour

Willie Rennie MSP Scottish Liberal Democrat

Finlay Carson MSP Scottish Conservative

Richard Lyle MSP 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

Amer Masood - secretary

Mahboob Ditta

Nadeem Ashraf

Malik Masood

Hassan Shah Bukhari

Abid Raja

Nedeem Ashraf

Mehmood Hussian

Mehmoob Ditta

Dr Nabila Masood

Afshan Masood

Umair Raja

Iftikhar Hussain

Khalid Mir

Asghar

Malik Abid

Tariq Mian

Zeeshan Saeed

Syed Khan

Parveen Khalid

Khalida Hussain

Khalid Mir

Muhammed Tanvir

Muhammed Iqbal

Muhammed Hameed

Councillor Angela Blackstock

Mohammed Imran

	<p> Mohammed Majeed Irfan Majeed Zahira Hassan Shazia Nadeem Mohammed Javed Sardar Ali Asghar Mohammed Kabir Anila Ansari Mohammed Mohsin Fatima Bajwa Mohammed Kabir Dr Amjad Shehryar Khan Willie McArthur Ehtansham Danish Awan Amjad Butt (CPG liaison in Pakistan, Lahore based) Naveed Ghafoor Sahin Firat Bilal Majeed Usman Mirza Asim Ahmed Sajjad Khan Tanveer Ahmed Muzo Emek Willie McArthur Entansham Swan Bilwal Raja Naveed Ghafoor Ayesha Mir Dr Fatima Bajwa Devin Scobie Hanzala Malik </p>
Organisations	<p> NHS Tayside NHS 24 </p>

University of Glasgow
University of Stirling
Robert Gordon University
Telford College
Scottish Chambers of Commerce
BAA Glasgow Airport
Scottish Asian Pakistan Foundation
Central Scotland Racial Equality Council
Scottish Ambulance Service
Victim Support
Pakistan Community Centre and Mosque, Edinburgh
Scottish Police International
Police Scotland
Scottish Development International
Mercy Corps
Consulate of Pakistan Glasgow
UNISON
Scottish Co-operative Party
Friends of Scotland, National Assembly (Pakistan Parliament)
Scottish and Pakistan Economic Relations Committee, Lahore
Chamber of Commerce
Scottish Financial Enterprise (SFE)
Community Welfare Attaché, Embassy of Pakistan, London
Community Welfare Attaché, Consulate General of Pakistan,
Manchester
Friends of Scotland, Senate of Pakistan
Lahore Stock Exchange
Overseas Pakistani Foundation, Pakistan
Ministry of Overseas Pakistani, Government of Pakistan
K A JAVID & CO Accountants
Sturrock, Armstrong & Thomson Solicitors
Punjab Scottish Parliamentary Friendship Group
Turkish Airlines
CODE Charity
Concern Worldwide Charity

	Edinburgh University Pakistan Society Discovery Islam Board of Revenue, Government of Punjab Lahore Chamber of Commerce Punjab Scottish Parliamentary Friendship Group Trinity Barristers Chambers The Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society Balfron
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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.

Co-Convener	James Dornan MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Anas Sarwar MSP, Willie Rennie MSP
Deputy Convener	Not applicable
Secretary	Amer Masood
Treasurer	Not Applicable

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.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

Not applicable

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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