

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			
18 June 2019			
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]			
20 June 2018			
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED			
18 July 2019			
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.			
Date	Topics	MSPs	Non-MSPs
20/06/18	AGM: Nomination and election of group officials Business carried forward Crofting support Crofting law	4	29

	Crofting administration Rural Leadership Programme		
21/09/18	Crofting support Crofting law Crofting administration Disposal of silage bale wrap	2	25
09/11/18	Biodiversity Strategy Crofting legislation reform Crofting administration Crofting support	2	28
12/12/18	National Development Plan for Crofting Bringing crofts back into use Creation of new crofts Crofting administration Crofting support Crofting law	2	18
30/01/19	Good Food Nation Economic Condition of Crofting report Crofting administration Crofting support Crofting law	3	25
29/03/19	Croft woodlands Local abattoirs Crofting administration Crofting Support	2	23
18/06/19	AGM: Nomination and election of group officials Business carried forward Conflict with wildlife Crofting administration Crofting legislation Crofting support Silage wrap Scavenging permits	2	16

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Rhoda Grant SL

Tavish Scott SLD

Donald Cameron SC&U

John Finnie SGP
Edward Mountain SC&U
David Stewart SL
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 Flyn
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; Alasdair Allan MSP
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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