

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Scottish Horseracing & Bloodstock Industries
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.)
26 th October 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
13 th November 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
13 th December 2019
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]
30 th October 2018
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.
12 th March 2019 (Present: 3 MSPs; 8 non MSPs) Update on Scottish Racing's Education and Training Strategy Further to the meeting in October 2018, Scottish Racing updated the Group on progress that has been made to implement sustainable programmes which improve

awareness of the job opportunities within horseracing, as well as programmes to train and retain committed racing professionals within Scotland.

17th Sept 2019 (Present: 2 MSPs; 7 non MSPs)

Update from the British Horseracing Authority

Head of Public Affairs for the British Horseracing Authority, Ross Hamilton, gave a presentation on the importance of Scottish horseracing within the racing community in Britain and internationally, and reported on the impact of Brexit on British horseracing.

13th November 2019 – AGM (Present: 2 MSPs; 6 non MSPs)

Introduction to the new Betting and Gaming Council (BGC)

Donald Morrison from the newly formed Betting and Gaming Council introduced the Council, its structure and its objectives.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

- Miles Briggs MSP – Con
- Neil Bibby MSP – Lab
- Alison Harris – Con
- Rachael Hamilton – Con
- Mark Griffin – Lab
- Richard Lyle – SNP
- John Scott – Con

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

Organisations

- Scottish Racing
- Betting and Gaming Council
- Racing Together
- Racing Welfare
- The Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- World Horse Welfare

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	Miles Briggs MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP
Secretary	Scottish Racing
Treasurer	Scottish Racing

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.

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