

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on USA
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.)
24 th April 2019
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
10 th July 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
3 rd August 2020
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]
24 th April 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.
Meeting: 24th April 2019 Attendance: 2 MSPs, 1 Non-MSP Initial Meeting – Election of office bearers and further discussion surrounding plans for the Group going forward.
Meeting: 26th June 2019 Attendance: 8 MSPs, 24 Non-MSPs

Speaker: Ellen Wong, Principal Officer of the U.S. Consulate General in Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom, followed by open discussion on business/trade opportunities, educational links, cultural and sporting connections

Meeting: 30th October 2019

Attendees: 3 MSPs, 20 Non-MSPs

Speaker: Ellen Wong, Principal Officer of the U.S. Consulate General in Edinburgh, Beatrice Morrice, Head of Public Affairs, Scotch Whisky Association, Scott Johnstone, CEO, Scottish Lifesciences Association, Alexia Haramis, Head of International and Corporate Development, ECC, followed by open discussion on fostering business and trade relations between Scotland and US.

Meeting: 26th November 2019

Attendees: 3 MSPs, 43 Non-MSPs

Speakers: Representatives of the Council of American States in Europe, including Sergio Domingues, CASE President and CASE Representative - Georgia
Yassin Nahi, CASE Representative - Florida
Evelyn Simmler, CASE Representative - Kentucky
Kristina Stauf, CASE Representative - South Carolina
Richard Kilner, CASE Representative - Pennsylvania
John Wood, CASE Representative - Virginia
Steve Bridges, CASE Representative - Indiana
Ian Fuller, CASE Representative – Ohio
Followed by open discussion.

Meetings due to be held on 11th March and 30th April were postponed.

Meeting: 10th July 2020 (Virtual Meeting)

Attendance: 5 MSPs, 38 Non-MSPs

Speakers: Mr Robert Johnson, USA Ambassador to the UK and Ellen Wong, Principal Officer, U.S. Consulate General Edinburgh, Graeme Jones, CEO, Scottish Financial Enterprise, Liz Cameron, CEO & Director, Scottish Chambers of Commerce, Scott Johnstone, CEO, Scottish Life Sciences Association, Will McGarrigle, Principal Policy Adviser, Confederation of British Industry, Calum Moultrie, Public Affairs Associate, Standard Life Aberdeen, Stuart Hamilton, Business Development Specialist, Scottish Chambers of Commerce and Alexia Haramis, Head of Corporate and International Development, Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce. Followed by open discussion and AGM items.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Dean Lockhart MSP –Conservative

Alexander Burnett MSP –Conservative

Anas Sarwar MSP –Labour

Jeremy Balfour MSP –Conservative
 Emma Harper MSP - SNP
 Rachael Hamilton MSP – Conservative
 Monica Lennon MSP – Labour
 Willie Rennie MSP – Liberal Democrat
 Murdo Fraser MSP –Conservative

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	Alan Salonika Ulrike Peter Llinos Jones Lesley-Anne Campbell Julia McIntyre Thomas Heald William Stirling
Organisations	Edinburgh Chambers of Commerce - secretariat Food and Drink Federation Scotland The Royal Society of Edinburgh Universities Scotland Weber Shandwick

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	Dean Lockhart MSP
Deputy Convener	Anas Sarwar MSP & Alexander Burnett MSP
Secretary	Edinburgh Chambers of Commerce

Treasurer	NA
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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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CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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