

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>			
Cross-Party Group on Crofting			
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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			
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>			
28 June 2017			
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]			
29 June 2016			
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>			
27 July 2017			
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>			
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.			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>MSPs</b>	<b>Non-MSPs</b>
29/06/16	AGM: Nomination and election of group officials Business carried forward Crofting Law and Administration (Standing item)	9	28

	<p>Regulation – Common grazings: the position taken by the CC on dispersal of funds and audited accounts</p> <p>Legislation</p> <p>Crofting Development (Standing item): Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum</p> <p>Other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting (Standing item): SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p>		
21/09/16	<p>The Future of Crofting: reflections on the Committee of Inquiry, Professor Mark Shucksmith.</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration (Standing item)</p> <p>Regulation – Common grazings: the position taken by the CC on dispersal of funds and audited accounts</p> <p>Legislation</p> <p>Crofting Development (Standing item): Report back on the SG Crofting Stakeholder Forum</p> <p>Other updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting (Standing item): SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p>	6	24
02/11/16	<p>Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy, Fergus Ewing MSP: update on the Government’s commitments to crofting and to hear the views and opinions of the Group</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration (Standing item)</p> <p>Legislation – Derek Flyn, background to crofting legislation leading to The Sump proposals to take crofting law reform forward.</p> <p>Regulation – Introduction of Bill Barron, CEO, CC.</p> <p>Update on grazing committee removals and other current CC business.</p> <p>Crofting Development (Standing item): updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting (Standing item): SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes</p> <p>Lack of video link at SP</p>	7	30
14/12/16	<p>Wild Geese: management of the wild goose problem in the islands.</p> <p>Broadband: efforts to deliver broadband infrastructure across the Highlands and Islands.</p> <p>Crofting Development (Standing item): updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.</p> <p>Crofting Law and Administration (Standing item)</p> <p>Legislation – Update on proposals to take crofting law reform forward.</p> <p>Administration – Position of Convener of Crofting Commission; Update on Commission elections and other CC business.</p> <p>CAP and Crofting (Standing item): SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes.</p>	5	20

	<p>CC - notification of Grazing Committee meetings  SNH – notification of sporting rights  SG – mapping of common grazings  Lack of video link at SP</p>		
25/01/17	<p>The Next Generation: Donald MacKinnon on the SCF Young Crofters  Crofting Law and Administration (Standing item)  Legislation – Update on proposals to take crofting law reform forward.  Administration – Position of Convener of Crofting Commission; update on Commission elections and other CC business.  Crofting Development (Standing item): updates from SG, agencies and NGOs.  Crofting Support (Standing item): SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes .CAGS; CHGS, ANC; AECS  Avian Flu  Mapping of common grazings  Lack of video link at SP</p>	3	26
15/03/17	<p>Grazing at the Edge: film and discussion  Crofting Development (Standing item): updates from SG, agencies and NGOs  SCF annual gathering ‘Crofting’s Place in Europe’.  Crofting Law and Administration (Standing item)  Legislation – Update on proposals to take crofting law reform forward.  Administration –Update on Commission elections and other CC business.  Crofting Support (Standing item): SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes CAGS; CHGS, ANC; AECS  Lack of video link at SP</p>	6	26
26/04/17	<p>Deer Management: evidence covered in the Deer Review report and discussion.  Crofting Development (Standing item): updates from SG, agencies and NGOs  Crofting Law and Administration (Standing item)  Legislation – Update on taking crofting law reform forward.  Administration –Update on crofting regulation / administration.  Crofting Support (Standing item): SG update on CAP payments and SRDP schemes CAGS; CHGS, ANC; AECS  CLG conference 2017  Derek Flyn and Keith Graham book ‘Crofting Law’  Lack of video link at SP</p>	2	18
28/06/17	<p>AGM  Crofting Development:  Woodland Crofts</p>	5	20

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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
- Donald Cameron SC&U
- John Finnie SGP
- Edward Mountain SC&U
- David Stewart SL
- Maree Todd SNP
- Gail Ross SNP
- Richard Lochhead SNP
- Liam MacArthur SLD
- Tavish Scott SLD
- Kate Forbes SNP
- Angus MacDonald 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
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	<p>Jim Lugton  John Mackintosh  Joyce Wilkinson  Karen MacRae  Maria Scholten  Mark Shucksmith  Morag Jardine  Donald Murdie  Paddy Zakaria  Tom Edwards</p>
Organisations	<p>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 &amp; Pastoralism  Forestry Commission Scotland  Highland Council  Highlands &amp; 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</p>

	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; Kate Forbes MSP; Tavish Scott 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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