

## CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

### 1. GROUP NAME *Code of Conduct 6.2.4*

Groups that have undertaken to comply with the rules on Cross-Party Groups may use the words *Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament* in their title.

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Video Games Technology

### 2. GROUP PURPOSE *Code of Conduct 6.2.3 and 6.4, Rule 1*

A brief statement of the main purpose of the group. Groups are reminded that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee will look very carefully at the proposed purpose of a group to satisfy itself that its purpose is Parliamentary in nature and of genuine public interest.

- It is estimated that the Scottish video games development sector directly employs nearly 600 staff in 47 companies, with a further 1,087 indirect jobs linked to the sector. The industry is believed to invest around £27.5 million in salaries and overheads, generating an estimated £25.1 million in direct and indirect tax revenues for HM Treasury, and is thought to contribute in the region of £61 million to the UK's Gross Domestic Product.
- This Cross-Party Group will be the forum for Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), stakeholders and interested parties to engage directly with each other in order to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing the industry to help better inform the development of policy in this area."

### 3. GROUP MEMBERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8*

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSP's name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs	Non-MSP Individuals
Joe FitzPatrick Mary Scanlon Jenny Marra Gordon MacDonald John Park Mark McDonald Mark Griffin	
	Organisations
	TIGA NESTA

### 4. GROUP OFFICERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4*

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

<b>Convener</b>	Joe FitzPatrick
<b>Vice-Conveners</b>	Mary Scanlon and Jenny Marra
<b>Secretary</b>	TIGA and NESTA
<b>Treasurer</b>	

**5. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED *Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.7***

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
		Both TIGA (the trade association representing the UK's games industry) and NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) will be jointly providing secretariat for the group, and as such will cover one each of two annual meetings, paying for the cost of food and beverages that is estimated to be approximately £500 for each meeting.  Full details of costs entailed in providing hospitality for the meetings will be disclosed as soon as payment has been made.

**6. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9***

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

<b>Amount per group member per year</b>	N/A
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**7. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS**

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

<b>Staff name</b>	N/A
<b>Title of post</b>	N/A
<b>Name and address of employer organisation</b>	N/A
<b>Type of employer organisation</b>	N/A
<b>8. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.5</i></b> Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.	
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