

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.)

22 June 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

11 March 2015

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]

12 March 2014

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

23 April 2015

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
23/04/2014	CAP and Crofting Crofting Development Update Progress regarding crofting law	2	17
18/06/2014	Land Reform CAP and Crofting Crofting Development Update	5	19

	Progress regarding Crofting Law		
20/08/2014	Care Farming and Social Crofting CAP and Crofting Crofting Development Update Progress regarding Crofting Law	4	13
08/10/2014	Scottish Rural Parliament Croft House Grant Scheme CAP and Crofting Crofting Development Update Progress regarding Crofting Law	3	15
26/11/2014	CAP and Crofting Crofting Development Update Progress regarding Crofting Law	3	29
28/01/2015	Crofter Forestry Croft Mapping and Registration CAP and Crofting Crofting Development Update Progress regarding Crofting Law	3	25
11/03/2015	AGM CAP and Crofting Crofting Development Update Progress regarding Crofting Law	5	24

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Angus MacDonald SNP, Dave Thompson SNP, David Stewart SL, Jamie McGrigor SCUP, Jean Urquhart Ind, John Finnie Ind, Liam McArthur SLDP, Mike MacKenzie SNP, Mike Russell SNP, Mary Scanlon SCUP, Rhoda Grant SLP, Rob Gibson SNP, Tavish Scott SLDP

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	David Eyre, Donald Cameron, Jamie McIntyre, Jim Lugton, Jim McPherson, Ken MacKenzie, Morag Jardine, Robin Haig, Ronnie Eunson, Tom Gray
Organisations	Crofting Commission; European Forum for Nature Conservation & Pastoralism; Highland Council; Highlands & Islands Enterprise; Inksters Solicitors, National Farmers Union Scotland; Nourish Scotland; Soil Association Scotland; Scottish Crofting Federation; Scottish Churches Rural Group, Scottish Land & Estates; Scottish Parliament Information Centre; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; University of Coventry, University of the Highlands and Islands, Western Isles Council.

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	Jamie McGrigor MSP
Deputy Convener	Jean Urquhart MSP Rhoda Grant MSP
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 £980 per annum (7 meetings, 7 hours per meeting including prep, 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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