

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Oil and Gas

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.)

14 December 2011

DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

01 March 2016

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]

25 February 2015

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

11 March 2016

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.

25 February 2015

- Topic: **AGM and Industry Update**
- 11 x MSPs, 29 x non-MSPs in attendance
- Michael Tholen, Economics Director of Oil & Gas UK, explained the main findings from the Oil & Gas UK 2015 Activity Survey, and gave an update

about the economic state of the industry

- Tim Smith, Vice-President of Communications and External Affairs at BP, gave an operator perspective about the current state of the industry.
- Questions from the session covered industry outlook, new entrants into the industry, industry efficiency, decommissioning opportunities for the supply chain, the importance of STEM subjects, terms and conditions for offshore workers and labour market intelligence.

20 May 2015

- Topic: **Scottish Apprenticeships Week and the Energy Jobs Taskforce**
- 8 x MSPs, 23 x non-MSPs in attendance
- Deirdre Michie, Oil & Gas UK's new Chief Executive, briefly addressed the group and outlined her priorities going forward.
- Gordon McGuinness and Robert Orr both from Skills Development Scotland then presented on Scottish Apprenticeship Week which was being held that week. They outlined what was being done to encourage further uptake in STEM subjects, as well as SDS' Energy Skills Investment Plan.
- Maggie McGinlay from Scottish Enterprise then talked through the work that the Energy Jobs Taskforce had been doing to promote skills and talent in the oil and gas industry during the difficult business environment.
- Questions covered balanced messaging issues; job losses; industry redundancies; industry skills-gap; apprenticeships; industry gender balance; and industry mentors.

2 September 2015

- Topic: **Oil and Gas Authority and Industry Efficiency**
- 7 x MSPs, 31 x non-MSPs in attendance
- Andy Samuel, Chief Executive of the Oil and Gas Authority, gave an overview of the industry, before outlining what the newly established regulator's priorities were going forward.
- Mike Backus, VP of Operations at Nexen, outlined the cost efficiency work they have been undertaking, using the concept of 'marginal gains'.
- Questions covered: cultural change in the industry; health and safety concerns; the role of the OGA in promoting safety; the industry supply chain; and decommissioning.

11 November 2015

- Topic: **Simplification and safety, and workforce engagement**
- 5 x MSPs, 15 x non-MSPs in attendance
- Les Linklater, Executive Director of Step Change in Safety, gave an overview of their simplification and standardisation project.
- Jake Molloy from RMT gave a workforce view on standardisation and simplification of safety processes, and the challenges being faced by workers at that time.
- Questions covered included: safety process; job rota patterns and redundancies in the industry.

01 March 2016

- Topic: **AGM, Industry Update and Energy Jobs Taskforce Update**

- 8 x MSPs, 16 x non-MSPs in attendance
- Mike Tholen, Economics Director of Oil & Gas UK, explained the main findings from the Oil & Gas UK 2016 Activity Survey, and gave an overview of Oil & Gas UK's fiscal messaging ahead of Budget 2016.
- David Rennie, International Sector Head (Oil and Gas) at Scottish Enterprise then gave an update on the work of the Energy Jobs Taskforce.
- Questions in the meeting covered topics such as job loss figures; fiscal changes; industry redundancies; support for companies entering new markets; the role of the industry regulator; and decommissioning trends.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Alison McInnes – Scottish Liberal Democrats
 Christian Allard – Scottish National Party
 Chic Brodie – Scottish National Party
 Dennis Robertson – Scottish National Party
 Jamie McGrigor - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Jenny Marra – Scottish Labour
 Kevin Stewart – Scottish National Party
 Lewis Macdonald – Scottish Labour
 Liam McArthur – Scottish Liberal Democrats
 Mark McDonald – Scottish National Party
 Mary Scanlon – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Nanette Milne - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Rhoda Grant – Scottish Labour
 Tavish Scott – Scottish Liberal Democrats

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	Christine Jones
Organisations	Oil & Gas UK - Secretariat

	Airbus Helicopters
	AMEC Group
	BG Group Plc
	BIG Partnership
	BP Exploration Operating Company Limited
	Chevron Upstream Limited
	CNR International (UK) Ltd
	Cogna Limited
	Dana Petroleum plc
	DECC
	Decom North Sea
	Edinburgh University
	Energy North
	Energy UK Limited
	Heriot Watt University
	Maersk Oil North Sea UK Limited
	Met Office
	OPITO
	Pinsent Masons
	Price Waterhouse Coopers
	QuEnSH Specialists Limited
	Rail Maritime and Transport Workers
	Robert Gordon University
	SCDI (Scottish Council Development and Industry)
	Scotland Office
	Scottish Enterprise
	Scottish Energy News
	Scottish Government
	Shell U.K. Exploration and Production
	Skills Development Scotland
	Spae Consulting
	Statoil ASA
	Step Change in Safety
	Stork Ltd
	Talisman Sinopec

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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	Nanette Milne MSP, Tavish Scott MSP, Lewis Macdonald MSP and Dennis Robertson MSP
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Neil Michie, Oil & Gas UK
Treasurer	Neil Michie, Oil & Gas UK

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).

£1007.28 – hospitality from Oil & Gas UK for 2015/16 meetings

£450 – estimated secretarial support from Oil & Gas UK for 2015/16 meetings.

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

n/a

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