

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on China
<b>DATE GROUP APPROVED</b>
27 October 2011
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
22 October 2013
<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>28 November 2012</b> Christine Wong, Professor of Chinese Public Finance and Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, the University of Oxford, gave a presentation to members on Chinese public finances. She then responded to questions.  Present: 3 MSP members; 29 other members
<b>29 January 2013</b> The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop MSP, spoke to members about the Scottish Government's updated strategy for working with China and responded to their questions. Members discussed their future work plan.  Present: 3 MSP members; 33 other members
<b>26 March 2013</b> Members considered the group's work over the previous twelve months and its role in relation to the implementation of the China Plan 2012-2017. The future work programme of the group was discussed. The Convener, Graeme Pearson MSP, thanked Howden and in particular the retiring Secretary, Irene Campbell, for her work. Dr Judith McClure, Convener of the Scotland China Education Network (SCEN) was named as the new Secretary.  Present: 6 MSP members; 20 other members

**28 May 2013** The theme of the meeting was *Doing Business with China*. There were presentations from an expert panel: Angus Tulloch, Joint Managing Partner of the Asia Pacific and Global Emerging Markets Equity Team, First State Investments (UK); James Anderson, Partner and Head of Global Equities, Baillie Gifford; Wanyi Yao, Investment Manager, Global Equities Team, Baillie Gifford; Archie McGlynn, Director of the Hong Kong Schools Self-Evaluation Network (HKSEN); Iain Valentine, Director of the Giant Panda Project and Strategic Innovations, Edinburgh Zoo. Members considered a paper from Angus Tulloch, *Doing Business with China*, and the Official Report of the Discussion held at the Meeting of the European and External Relations Committee on 2 May 2013, as part of its Inquiry into the economic aspects of the Scottish Government's China Plan. Professor Barbara Fennell from the University of Aberdeen reported on the forthcoming launch of the Confucius Institute for the University of Aberdeen and on its consideration of the opening of a Sino-Scottish Centre at the Beijing Academy of Science.

Present: 2 MSP members; 37 other members

**5 September 2013** A members' business debate on motion S4M-06993, in the name of Graeme Pearson MSP took place in the Chamber. The motion debated was:

That the Parliament recognises and celebrates both the historical and contemporary links that exist between Scotland and China; notes that China is currently the second largest economy in the world, with many experts predicting that it will overtake the US as the largest within the next decade; supports all efforts to foster trade links between Scotland and China, including establishing a direct flight path from Scotland to China, but is concerned that visa regulations are not conducive to Chinese businesses operating in Scotland and vice versa; endorses the educational links that exist between Scotland and China, including what it understands is the high number of Chinese students who choose to study at Scottish universities and the links between schools in the south of Scotland and their Chinese counterparts; welcomes these links, and notes calls for the encouragement of the learning of Mandarin and Cantonese in Scottish schools and their twinning with Chinese schools.

All parties were represented in the debate and the Minister for External Affairs and International Development, Humza Yousaf MSP, acknowledged all the points made by the speakers in his conclusion. Seventeen members of the Cross Party Group on China were present in the Gallery.

**25 September 2013 Annual General Meeting** Colin Keir MSP took over the chair for the elections of Group Officers. Graeme Pearson MSP was re-elected as Convener; Gil Paterson MSP was re-elected as Vice Convener and Dr Judith McClure was elected as Secretary. Graeme Pearson MSP resumed the chair and the group discussed his report on the China Debate in the Chamber of the Scottish

Parliament on 5 September 2013, which he had introduced. Judith McClure spoke of the BRIC workshop at the Scottish Government on 26 August 2013 and on the China Strategy: Implementation and Delivery Forum, of which the first meeting was to take place on 26 September 2013. There were updates from members: Professor Barbara Fennell spoke of the role of Scotland's four Confucius Institutes; there was an update on the teaching of Chinese in Scotland's schools and the SQA data; Eric Balish spoke of the 48 Group Club, the Icebreakers, and its intention to work with other partners, including CBBC, on a new focus group, the Scotland China Business Forum.

Present: 3 MSP members; 34 other members

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Graeme Pearson MSP

Gil Paterson MSP

Jackie Baillie MSP

Claudia Beamish MSP

Chic Brodie MSP

Hugh Henry MSP

Colin Keir MSP

Margaret McDougall MSP

Jamie McGrigor MSP

John Scott MSP

Richard Simpson MSP

### **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.

Organisations

Baillie Gifford

Barclays Corporate

	<p>Blackford Trust</p> <p>British Council Scotland</p> <p>Clyde Blowers Capital</p> <p>Confucius Institute for Scotland at the University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Confucius Institute at the University of Glasgow</p> <p>Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools at the University of Strathclyde</p> <p>Confucius Institute at the University of Aberdeen</p> <p>Department of Chinese at the University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway College</p> <p>East Ayrshire Council</p> <p>Edinburgh Academy</p> <p>Education Scotland</p> <p>G7 Consultants Ltd</p> <p>Great Wall Consultancy</p> <p>Heriot-Watt University</p> <p>Liberton High School</p> <p>Lothian and Borders Police</p> <p>MacLean Commercial Consultancy</p> <p>North Lanarkshire Council</p> <p>Positive Solutions (Glasgow)</p> <p>Ricefields Arts Centre</p> <p>Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh</p> <p>Royal Zoological Society of Scotland</p> <p>Scotland China Education Network (SCEN)</p> <p>Scottish Borders Council</p> <p>Scottish Centre for Chinese Social Science Research at the University of Glasgow</p> <p>Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)</p> <p>Scottish Development International</p> <p>Scottish Financial Enterprise</p> <p>St George's School Edinburgh</p>
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	<p>Scotch Whisky Association</p> <p>Strathclyde University</p> <p>The Inveralmond Brewery Limited</p> <p>The University of Abertay Dundee</p> <p>The University of Edinburgh</p> <p>The University of Glasgow</p> <p>The University of the West of Scotland</p> <p>Young Chinese Professionals</p> <p>The Power of Youth</p>
Individuals	<p>James Anderson</p> <p>Lloyd Anderson</p> <p>Alex Avramenko</p> <p>Eric Balish</p> <p>Martin Bell</p> <p>Leanne Bell</p> <p>David Blain</p> <p>Robert Brennan</p> <p>Mark Boyce</p> <p>James Brodie</p> <p>Helena Brown</p> <p>Susan Brown</p> <p>Paolo Buoni</p> <p>Jie Chen</p> <p>Sharon Cheng</p> <p>Brian Cherry</p> <p>Frances Christensen</p> <p>Richard Clason</p> <p>Roger Collins</p> <p>Carole Couper</p> <p>James Craigon</p>

	Matt Cross
	Robert Dalzell
	Jane Davidson
	Feyrouz Djabali
	Jane Duckett
	Carolyn Dunion
	Gary Dunion
	Robin Dyet
	Alasdair Falcon
	Barbara Fennell
	Helen Ford
	Yuwen Fortune
	Natascha Gentz
	Catherine Goulden
	Hannah Graham
	Cathy Gu
	Henry He
	Nigel Hedley
	Caroline Henderson
	Jocelyn Heron
	Edmund Hoffie
	Isabel Hui Lui
	Isabella Jackson
	Meryl James
	Owen Kelly
	Janette Kelso
	Alick Kitchin
	Peter Kwok
	Douglas Ledingham
	Fan Lin
	Orchid Liu

	Lindesay Low
	Martin Low
	Aofei Lu
	Lihe Liu
	Mike Lynch
	Simon Macaulay
	Miles McCormick
	Susie McCosh
	Cat MacDonald
	Donald MacDonald
	Andrew Mackie
	Helen Mackie
	Fiona Maclean
	Eoghann MacColl
	Brian McLeish
	Archie McGlynn
	John McKenzie
	Judith McKerrecher
	David McMurtry
	Farai Magodo
	Donna Malone
	Samantha May
	Martin Mills
	Christine Moinard
	Ruairidh Nicolson
	Gordon Ogilvie
	Siobhan Paterson
	Ed Payne
	John Peebles
	Neil Phillips
	Adam Purvis

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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	<b>Graeme Pearson MSP</b>
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Deputy Convener	<b>Gil Paterson MSP</b>
Secretary	<b>Dr Judith McClure</b>
Treasurer	
<p><b>FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<b>None</b>	
<p><b>SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP</b></p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
<b>None</b>	
<p><b>CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS</b></p>	
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