

**The Scottish Parliament
Cross-Party Group on Fair Trade**

6pm, 23 February 2016, Room Q1.03

Cross Party Group Meeting

Minutes of the meeting (draft)

1. Attendance: MSPs:

Patricia Ferguson MSP

Claudia Beamish MSP

External Organisations/Individuals:

Martin Rhodes (Scottish Fair Trade Forum)

Apologies:

Angela Oakley

Alison McInnes MSP

Helen Reilly

Drew Smith MSP

James Kelly MSP

Martin Meteyard

Business of the meeting:

The points of action of the previous two meetings were formally agreed upon by the CPG, as both previous meetings were not quorate due to less than two MSPs attending. This was noted, and the following points of action were formally adopted:

On electronics:

1. Write to the Scottish Government about affiliating to Electronics Watch, and ask if they are aware of conflict minerals in their procurement policy.
2. Lodge a parliamentary motion.
3. The corporate body of the Scottish Parliament shall be contacted regarding its procurement policy.
4. The UK Government shall be contacted regarding its position in the EU Council of Ministers on the subject of conflict minerals.

On honey imports from Swaziland:

1. It was agreed that DEFRA would be approached, to see if they could inform and advise on the issues around EU compliance. The key issue being that the Swazi Government cannot afford to support the monitoring involved.
2. It was agreed that further to a response from DEFRA, follow up action will be taken.

Next meeting: Tuesday 1 March 2016, 6pm (or at the close of parliamentary business in the chamber if that is later).

Guest speakers: Pamela L'Intelligent, Craft Aid Mauritius