

**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 Rural Policy

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.

The purpose of the Group is to inform MSPs and the wider Scottish Parliament about issues relating to rural policies and policy-making in Scotland.

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
Alex Fergusson	
Elaine Murray	
Graeme Dey	
Tavish Scott	
John Scott	
Paul Wheelhouse	
Jim Hume	
Nigel Don	
	Organisations
	Aberdeen University Academic Director and Vice-Principal Research, SAC Archaeology Scotland BIG Lottery Cairngorms National Park Authority Centre for Mountain Studies, UHI Centre for Remote and Rural Studies, University of Highlands & Islands Centre for Rural Health, University of Highlands & Islands. Community Land Scotland Crofters Commission Crown Estate Scotland Dumfries and Galloway Council Dumfries and Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust Head of Communications, SAC Highland Council Highlands and Islands Enterprise Independent Consultant

	James Hutton Institute Land Economy and Environment Research Group, SAC Lews Castle College, University of Highlands and Islands National Farmers Union for Scotland Newcastle University OECD Pagoda PR RSPB Rural Development Council Rural Housing Service Rural Innovation Rural Policy Centre, SAC Rural Society Research Team, SAC Scottish Borders Council Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations Scottish Crofting Federation Scottish Enterprise Scottish Environment Protection Agency Scottish Food Quality Certification Scottish Government Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Natural Heritage Soil Association Thirdwave Tods Murray LLP Solicitors Upper Quartile
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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.

Co-convener	Alex Fergusson
Co-convener	Elaine Murray
Co-convener	Graeme Dey
Co-convener	Jim Hume

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.

Date	Amount	Description
		SAC is providing the Secretariat for this Cross Party Group. SAC staff time spent on work associated with the Group and costs associated with Group meetings (including refreshments) will be funded through internal SAC funds. SAC will also reimburse reasonable costs associated with invited speakers, including for travel and subsistence, where receipts are provided.
6. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9</i>		
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.		
Amount per group member per year	None	
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.		
Staff name	None	
Title of post		
Name and address of employer organisation		
Type of employer organisation		
8. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.5</i>		
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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