

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
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.)
4 October 2017
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
29 October 2019
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
25 November 2019
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
3 October 2018
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.
19 February 2019 MSP's Attendance = 3 Non-MSP Attendance = 24 Citizens Advice Scotland gave a presentation of CAS Bad Company Report. This was followed by a presentation by MBM Commercial LLP who gave a legal opinion as part of the Bad Company research looking at HELMS, PV Solar Ltd and also PV

Solar Investments Ltd. These presentations were followed by a question and answer session.

4 June 2019

MSP's Attendance = 3 Non-MSP Attendance = 22

At this meeting the group were given an update on HELMS by CAS regarding a meeting they had with BEIS and were advised that BEIS officials had increased staffing levels to handle the number of complaints. CAS has given feedback to BEIS re issues with the FIT scheme. HIES gave a presentation on Consumer Codes Updates with questions following this. Crowdfunding was discussed to allow a test case to be brought to court.

29 October 2019

MSP's Attendance = 2 Non-MSP Attendance = 18

This meeting included the AGM. Tom Arthur MSP was elected as convener and James Dornan MSP as vice-convener. RECC gave a presentation and discussed the challenge of decarbonisation for consumer protection and the potential for broadening of the CPG to include quality assurance through quality and consumer protection. This presentation was followed by questions.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

- Tom Arthur MSP – SNP
- James Dornan MSP – SNP
- Linda Fabiani MSP – SNP
- Ross Greer MSP – Green
- Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP – 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	
Organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Trading Standards Scotland2. Ayrshire Action Group3. Citizens Advice Scotland4. East Ayrshire CAB5. Extra Help Unit6. Glasgow NE Action Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Glasgow City Council 8. Hamilton CAB 9. MBM Commercial Lawyers 10. Motherwell & Wishaw CAB 11. Renewable Energy Consumer Code 12. Solar Trade Association 13. SSE 14. Wetherby Systems 15. Changeworks 16. HELMS Action Group Ayrshire 17. Energy Action Scotland 18. Age Scotland 19. Home Insulation and Energy Systems Contractors Scheme 20. Green Deal Action Group
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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	Tom Arthur MSP
Deputy Convener	James Dornan MSP
Secretary	Citizen Advice Scotland
Treasurer	N/A

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).

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

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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