

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Scotch Whisky
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.)
13 September 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
8 October 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
16 October 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]
11 September 2019
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.
8 October 2020: MSPs: (2) Murdo Fraser MSP, Liam McArthur MSP Other attendees: Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Annie Hill (Institute of Brewing and Distilling), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Stacey Adam (Assistant George Adam MSP) AGM – The attendees conducted the election of office bearers.

29 January 2020:

MSPs (3): Murdo Fraser MSP, Gordon MacDonald MSP, Tom Mason MSP.

Other attendees: Stacey Adam (MSP Assistant), Howell Davies (Interface), Peter Finnie (SEPA), Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Jack Gemmell (Chivas), Orchid Lui (Chinese Times), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Mairi Spowage (Fraser of Allander), David Williamson (Wm Grants).

Budget: Beatrice Morrice provided information on the Scotch Whisky Association's Scottish Budget submission and the impact of US tariffs. Mairi Spowage, Deputy Director at Fraser of Allander, provided an overview of the Scottish Budget process. She said that an increase in social security powers, replacements for EU funding, economic outlook, demographic change and the role of the local government all need consideration as it is yet unknown the impact that these will have on the budget. A discussion on competitiveness, capital spending and broadband followed.

29 October 2019:

MSPs (4): Jackie Baillie MSP, Finlay Carson MSP, Murdo Fraser MSP, Gordon MacDonald MSP.

Other attendees: Dave Dalton (British Glass), Dagmar Droogsma (SWA), Jill Farrell (Zero Waste Scotland), Peter Finnie (SEPA), Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Ellie Goss (Glenmorangie), Keir Greenway (GMB), John Lee (Scottish Grocers Federation), Orchid Lui (Chinese Times), Lindsay McGarvie (Edrington), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Paul McLavin (O-I Glass), Barbara Russell Scott (Inver House International Beverage), Colin Smith (Scottish Wholesale Association), Ian Smith (Diageo), Sharon Todd (Ardagh Group), Paul Togneri (Scottish Beer and Pub Association), Scott Wood (Scottish Government)

Deposit Return Scheme: Presentations were given by Morag Garden, SWA, Paul McLavin British Glass and OI, Lindsay McGarvie, Edrington, and Barbara Russell Scott, International Beverage. A discussion on the proposed Deposit Return Scheme took place that including recycled glass availability, challenges with data and business competitiveness.

US Tariff: Beatrice Morrice provided information following the introduction of a US tariff of 25% on imports of Single Malt Scotch Whisky and Liqueurs from the UK from 18th October 2019.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Murdo Fraser (Conservatives)

Gordon MacDonald (SNP)

David Stewart (Labour)

Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat)

Colin Smyth (Labour)

Jackie Baillie (Labour)

Bruce Crawford (SNP)

Rhoda Grant (Labour)

Tom Mason (Conservative)

Bill Bowman (Conservative)

Rachael Hamilton (Conservative)

Jamie Halcro-Johnston (Conservative).

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

Blair Bowman, Whisky Consultant and Author

Organisations

Scotch Whisky Association

Chivas Brothers

Devin Scobie Consulting

Diageo

Edinburgh Distillery Company

Edrington

Gordon MacPhail

Perspectiva Consultants

Glasgow Distillery

GMB

Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre

Institute of Brewing and Distilling

Interface

SEPA

Scottish Distillers Association

Forth Ports

	Portman Group Stolt Tank Containers UK Chinese Times Unite William Grant.
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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	Murdo Fraser MSP and Gordon MacDonald MSP
Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur MSP, David Stewart MSP
Secretary	Beatrice Morrice, Scotch Whisky Association
Treasurer	None

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).

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SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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