

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Racial Equality in Scotland
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>13/10/17</b>
<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.
<a href="#">15<sup>th</sup> November 2016</a> – The AGM was conducted with Fulton MacGregor MSP elected Convener; Bob Doris MSP, Adam Tomkins MSP, and Anas Sarwar MSP elected Vice Conveners, and CRER elected Secretariat. The CPG heard a presentation from Chris Oswald of the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the report “Is Scotland Fairer”. This was followed by a group discussion on disparity in employment, education, community safety, housing, and other issues. The group

then discussed priorities for the coming parliamentary term and identified potential topics for future meetings. In attendance were four MSPs (Fulton MacGregor, Bob Doris, Richard Lyle, and Adam Tomkins), as well as 16 non-MSP attendees.

[21<sup>st</sup> February 2017](#) – The CPG heard a presentation from Kaliani Lyle, the Scottish Government Race Equality Framework Advisor, on the Framework and key actions the Advisor wished to progress in relation to racial equality. The group discussed these priorities as well as wider issues around poverty, employment, education, Gypsy/Travellers, and government policy and practice. The CPG was made aware of the work of the Commission on Parliamentary Reform and encouraged to respond to the consultation. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the group. In attendance were two MSPs (Fulton MacGregor and Richard Lyle), as well as 23 non-MSP attendees.

[23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017](#) – As only one MSP (Fulton MacGregor) was in attendance, this was not an official meeting of the CPG. Nonetheless, the group heard presentations from Henri Krishna of the Child Poverty Action Group Scotland on welfare reform and social security, and Naomi Eisenstadt, the Independent Advisor on Poverty and Inequality, on her report “Shifting the Curve” and an upcoming report on the life chances of young people in Scotland. Aside from Fulton MacGregor, in attendance were 23 non-MSP attendees.

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – The AGM was conducted, with Fulton MacGregor MSP being re-elected as Convener; Bob Doris MSP, Anas Sarwar MSP, and Adam Tomkins MSP being re-elected as Vice Conveners; and CRER being re-elected as Secretariat. Following this, the group heard presentations from Victoria MacDonald of the Lord Bracadale Hate Crime Legislation Review on racist hate crime, and Lynne Tammie and Michael Molden of Article 12 on discrimination faced by Gypsy/Travellers in Scotland. Three MSPs were in attendance (Fulton MacGregor, Bob Doris, and Adam Tomkins), as well as 26 non-MSP attendees.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Fulton MacGregor MSP (Convener) SNP

Bob Doris MSP SNP

Anas Sarwar MSP (Vice Convener) Labour

Adam Tomkins MSP (Vice Convener) Tory

Jackie Bailie MSP Labour

Jeremy Balfour MSP Tory

Richard Lyle MSP SNP

Pauline McNeill MSP Labour

Sandra White MSP SNP

## 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

N/A

Organisations

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER) (Secretariat)  
Active Life Club  
Afreshe  
BEMIS  
Central Scotland Regional Equality Council  
Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations (CEMVO)  
Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council  
Edinburgh Interfaith Women's Group  
Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland  
Ethnic Minority Civic Congress Scotland  
Frae Fife  
Glasgow Campaign to Welcome Refugees  
Glasgow Life  
Grampian Regional Equality Council  
MECOPP  
Migrants Rights Scotland  
Score Scotland  
Scottish Council of Jewish Communities  
Scottish Independence Advocacy Alliance  
Scottish Iraqi Society  
Scottish Youth Parliament  
SEMPERscotland  
Shakti Women's Aid  
Show Racism the Red Card Scotland  
Sikh Sanjog

	Stirling Multicultural Partnership Standard Life Aberdeen Plc. – MOSAIC STUC Black Workers Committee Trust Housing Association Thai Women’s Association of Scotland University of Strathclyde University of St Andrews Voices of Experience Voluntary Action Fund Waverly Care African Health Project West of Scotland Regional Equality Council
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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	Fulton MacGregor MSP
Deputy Convener	Anas Sarwar MSP, Adam Tomkins MSP
Secretary	Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
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).

15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – £137.70  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 – £177.96  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – £191.40  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – invoice awaited

Payments made by CRER to Sodexo Ltd. at the Scottish Parliament for meeting refreshments

Secretarial support from staff at CRER – estimate at 7 hours per meeting at an average cost of around £150 per meeting for 4 meetings– £600.00

Total support provided by CRER including financial and material benefits: £1107.06

#### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

Nil

#### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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