

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

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| <b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>   |
| Cross-Party Group on Scotch Whisky   |
| <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.)  |
| 12 September 2017  |
| <b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>   |
| 12 September 2017  |
| <b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]  |
| 13 September 2016  |
| <b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>  |
| 6 October 2017   |
| <b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b><br><br>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.<br><br>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.  |
| 12 September 2017<br><br><b>MSPs:</b> (12 MSPs) Richard Lochhead, Jackie Baillie, Bill Bowman, Murdo Fraser, Rhoda Grant, Jamie Halcro Johnston, Rachael Hamilton, Alison Harris, Tom Mason, Liam McArthur, David Stewart, Colin Smyth.<br><br><b>Other attendees:</b> (14) Rebecca Badger (SEPA), Campbell Evans (Whisky Invest Direct), Peter Finnie (SEPA), Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), James Johnston (Malt Whisky Trail), Fiona Johnstone, (SEPA), Orchid Lui (Chinese Times), Stephanie MacLeod (Dewars), |

Lauren McArthur (SWA), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), David Ogilvie (SEPA), Edward Rowlandson (office of Rachael Hamilton MSP), David Williamson (SWA) and Alan Wolstenholme (SCDA).

**Topics covered:** Election of office bearers, Scotch Whisky Overview (David Williamson, SWA), Scotch Whisky Tasting (Stephanie MacLeod, Dewars).

## 28 February 2017

**MSPs: (4 MSPs)** Richard Lochhead, Rhoda Grant, Alison Harris, Gordon MacDonald.

**Other attendees: (12)** Blair Bowman, Campbell Evans (Whisky Invest Direct), Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Jack Gemmell (Chivas), Annie Hill (Institute of Brewing and Distilling), Liam Hughes (SCDA), Lauren McArthur (SWA), Douglas Meikle (SWA), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Devin Scobie (Caledonia Public Affairs), Ian Smith (Diageo) and Alan Wolstenholme (SCDA).

**Topics covered:** Scottish Craft Distillers Association - presentation from Liam Hughes, Vice Chairman of the Scottish Craft Distillers Association and Managing Director of Glasgow Distillery and an update on Scotch Whisky Action Fund was given by Douglas Meikle, Head of Alcohol Policy at the Scotch Whisky Association.

## 11 January 2017

**MSPs: (6 MSPs)** Douglas Ross, Richard Lochhead, Murdo Fraser, Gordon MacDonald, Liam McArthur and Colin Smyth.

**Other attendees: (20)** Susy Atkinson (Edrington), Blair Bowman, George Burgess (Scottish Government), Howell Davies (Interface), Campbell Evans (Whisky Invest Direct), Karen Freel (Perspectiva Consultants), Rosemary Gallagher (SWA), Annie Hill (Institute of Brewing and Distilling), Liam Hughes (SCDA), Orchid Lui (Chinese Times), Lauren McArthur (SWA), Beatrice Morrice (SWA), Gerry O'Donnell (Edrington), Alastair Ross (ABI), Devin Scobie (Caledonia Public Affairs), Neil Sinclair (Scottish Government), Ian Smith (Diageo), Gordon Swan (Golden Charter Ltd), David Williamson (SWA) and Alan Wolstenholme (SCDA).

**Topic covered:** Presentations were given on Brexit by David Williamson (SWA), George Burgess (Deputy Director Deputy Director, EU & International Trade & Investment, Scottish Government) and Gerry O'Donnell (Corporate Affairs Director, Edrington). Beatrice Morrice also gave a short update on the Scotch Whisky industry.

### MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Murdo Fraser (Conservatives)

Richard Lochhead (SNP)

David Stewart (Labour)  
 Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat)  
 Gordon Macdonald (SNP)  
 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.

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| Individuals   | James Johnston, Chair of The Malt Whisky Trail<br>Orchid Lui, UK Chinese Times  |
| Organisations | Scotch Whisky Association<br>Chivas Brothers<br>Diageo<br>Edrington<br>Gordon MacPhail<br>Perspectiva Consultants<br>Caledonia Public Affairs<br>SEPA<br>Scottish Enterprise<br>Scottish Craft Distillers Association<br>Forth Ports<br>Stolt Tank Containers<br>Whisky Invest Direct |

## 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.

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| Convener        | Murdo Fraser MSP and Richard Lochhead MSP                  |
| Deputy Convener | Liam McArthur MSP, Gordon MacDonald 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).

Total benefit from the Scotch Whisky Association totals: £650.70.

The Scotch Whisky Association provide the secretariat for the group and pay for refreshments at all the meetings of the group.

(The Scotch Whisky Association paid for lunch at two meetings (11 January and 21 February) which came to £74.88 and £74.88. The meeting planned for 23 May was cancelled but still resulted in a cost of £180 for the SWA for catering. The meeting held on 12 September included canapés and refreshments coming to a total of £170.94. The total amount spent on catering at meetings by the SWA therefore came to: £500.70.

Three bottles of Scotch Whisky used at the meeting for the tasting on 12 September were provided by Dewars, costing £134.55, this amount is not included in the SWA's catering amount.

Secretariat support from the SWA provided by Beatrice Morrice and Lauren McArthur from the SWA equates to £150).

**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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