

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Tobacco and Health

(Formerly Cross Party Group on Tobacco Control)

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.)

23 February 2000

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

13th November 2013

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.

15 November 2012 - AGM

In Attendance: 2 MSPs, 14 non-MSPs

Business: A proposed revision of the remit and name of the Group was ratified. Election of office bearers took place and the Secretariat was confirmed. The annual return 2011/12 was approved.

Invited Guest: Andy Bruce from The Scottish Government gave an overall summary of the Scottish Government's draft Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland.

Other Discussion: Forthcoming meetings and topics were discussed.

10 January 2013

In Attendance: 2 MSPs, 11 non-MSPs

Business: The Chair notified members that the revised remit and name of the Group had been approved by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

Committee of the Parliament. The Group will now be called the Cross Party Group on Tobacco and Health, and its purpose to benefit public health through building political dialogue and collaboration to tackle the harm caused by tobacco use in Scotland

Discussion: Dr Crawford Moodie of The University of Stirling gave a presentation to the Group on innovative policy measures to reducing smoking prevalence in Scotland.

2 May 2013

In Attendance: 2 MSPs; 17 non-MSPs

Discussion: Various presentations were given around the new National Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland, published by The Scottish Government in March 2013. Discussion took place regarding the next steps for both the CPG on Tobacco and Health, and for the wider tobacco/health community.

In relation to Jim Hume MSP's consultation on a Bill to ban smoking in cars with children present, it was agreed the Group should make a response saying it supported the broad principles.

Forthcoming topics were discussed.

19 September 2013

In Attendance: 1 MSP; 14 non-MSPs

Guest Speakers: Dr Jeff Collin and Sarah Hill, University of Edinburgh

Discussion: Dr Jeff Collin gave a presentation to the Group on Tobacco Industry Interference and the conflict with public health. He highlighted that we can expect an increase in tobacco industry pressure in the run up to legislation, that threats of litigation will be made and that international trade agreements, the illicit trade and threats of compensation will be used against the proposals.

Willie Rennie MSP highlighted the importance of engaging with retailers and offered to work on a letter to be sent to retailer magazines.

7 November 2013 - AGM

In Attendance: 2 MSPs; 17 non-MSPs

Business: This was the AGM of the Cross Party Group. Election of office bearers took place and the Secretariat for the Group was confirmed.

Discussion: The discussion topic for the meeting was around the report 'Tobacco Free Ireland' – Report of the Tobacco Review Group. Various members gave a brief overview of certain aspects of the report. A lively discussion took place, in particular comparing the Ireland Strategy to the Scottish Strategy.

Discussion took place on forthcoming meetings and topics.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Willie Rennie MSP, Chair
Kenneth Gibson MSP, Vice Convener
Richard Simpson MSP, Vice Convener

Hanzala Malik MSP
Margaret McDougall MSP
Ruth Davidson MSP

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

Geoff Earl
Alan Rodger

Organisations

ASH Scotland (Secretariat)
Asthma UK Scotland
Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire
British Heart Foundation Scotland
British Lung Foundation Scotland and Northern Ireland
British Medical Association
Cancer Research UK
Children in Scotland
Community Pharmacy Scotland
Glasgow City CHP
Macmillan Cancer Support
NHS Health Scotland
Pfizer UK Ltd
Royal Environmental Health Institute Scotland
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Royal Pharmaceutical Society
The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation
South Ayrshire Council Trading Standards Service
The Stroke Association
University of Stirling Institute of Social Marketing

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	Willie Rennie MSP
Deputy Convener	Kenneth Gibson MSP Richard Simpson MSP
Secretary	John Watson, ASH 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.

16/11/12 to 6/11/13

Secretariat provided free of charge by ASH Scotland – **(Estimated value £900)**

Lunches at 5 meetings, provided by ASH Scotland : **Total £735.90**

15/11/12 - £154.80

10/01/13 - £103.20

02/05/13 - £159.30

19/09/13 - £159.30

07/11/13 - £159.30

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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