42nd British Islands and Mediterranean Region Annual Conference

Sunday 10 to Thursday 14 June 2012

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Presiding Officer’s Foreword

On behalf of the Executive Committee and members of the CPA Scotland Branch, I wish you all a very warm welcome to Scotland and to the 42nd British Islands and Mediterranean Region Conference, which is being held this year in the Scottish Parliament.

I hope that you will enjoy your time in the Scottish Parliament. The Parliament building was designed in an innovative and modern way to make it open and accessible to the Scottish people, and we believe that these early years of devolution have, indeed, generated greater enthusiasm for, and participation in, our Scottish democracy.

Over the past few years we have witnessed shifts in the worldwide economic order, new global financial and economic conditions, competition for access to natural resources, and political and social transformation taking place in the Middle East and North Africa. Often, it is events that take place elsewhere that have the greatest impact on our own jurisdictions. The speed and diversity of new challenges, many of which may be unforeseen and outwith our control, reinforce the importance of strengthening relations with our closest neighbours, of sharing information and of learning from each other about how the global situation is affecting us all, so that we might find solutions to common problems.

In recent years, there have in many places been growing concerns that citizens are becoming increasingly disillusioned with their elected parliamentary representatives. How can parliamentarians use these difficult and uncertain times to reconnect with their constituents? In times of significant global challenges, which are impacting on citizens as well as on governments, what can parliamentarians do to ensure that parliaments matter and that the views of citizens find expression through our governance structures? There are no easy answers. The theme of the conference is “Making Parliaments Relevant”; I do hope that all delegates can discuss, share, learn and take back some new ideas to their legislatures in order to strengthen parliamentary democracy in the future.

I wish you all an enjoyable and stimulating conference

Tricia Marwick MSP
Presiding Officer
President of the CPA Scotland Branch
Programme

Sunday 10 to Thursday 14 June 2012

Sunday 10 June

Delegates arrive for check-in and registration at the Macdonald Holyrood Hotel, 81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh

6.45pm  Assemble in foyer of Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

6.50pm  Depart Macdonald Holyrood Hotel by foot

7.00pm  Arrive at Scottish Parliament, Horse Wynd Entrance

Informal pre-dinner drinks reception in Members’ Lounge

7.30pm  Informal welcome dinner hosted by CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee

Members’ Restaurant

9.00pm  Depart Scottish Parliament by foot

9.10pm  Arrive Macdonald Holyrood Hotel
**Monday 11 June**

CONFERENCE THEME TODAY:  
**MAKING PARLIAMENTS RELEVANT – WITH LESS AVAILABLE**

8.45am    Assemble in foyer of Macdonald Holyrood Hotel
8.50am    Depart Macdonald Holyrood Hotel by foot
9.00am    Arrive Scottish Parliament, Horse Wynd Entrance
           Tour of the Parliament building
9.50am    Delegates and guests proceed to the Debating Chamber
10.00am   Opening Ceremony
10.40am   Opening Ceremony closes
           Official Photograph
           Chamber
11.15am   Plenary Session 1: Preventative Spend - Prevention Is Better Than Cure?
           Debating Chamber
           Chair: Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament
Presenters/panellists

John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

John Carnochan QPM, FFPH, Detective Chief Superintendent, Director, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit

Ailsa McKay, Professor of Economics at Glasgow Caledonian University

Dr Philip Wilson, Senior Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow

12.45pm  Depart Debating Chamber proceed to Members’ Restaurant

Set buffet lunch

Members' Restaurant

1.50pm  Depart Members' Restaurant

2.00pm  Plenary Session 2: “There is no Money” - The Irish Experience

Committee Room 2
Chair: Sandra White MSP

Presenter

Art O’Leary, Secretary to the Constitutional Convention (The Republic of Ireland)

3.00pm  Tea/coffee break

Committee Rooms 1 & 3

3.15pm  Workshop A: Preventative Spend - Lessons We Can Learn

Committee Room 1
Chair: Margaret Mitchell MSP

Workshop B: The Irish Experience - Lessons We Can Learn

Committee Room 3
Chair: Patricia Ferguson MSP

4.15pm  Depart Committee Rooms and proceed to Chamber

4.30pm  Report back from workshops

Debating Chamber
Chair: Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament

- Workshop A: Preventative Spend - Lessons We Can Learn
- Workshop B: The Irish Experience - Lessons We Can Learn

[Followed by Q&A involving previous panel members]
5.15pm Depart Scottish Parliament
5.25pm Arrive Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

**EVENING**

6.45pm Assemble in foyer of Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

Proceed by taxi/on foot to The City Chambers

7.00pm Arrive City Chambers

Drinks reception and buffet supper hosted by Donald Wilson, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh

**City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh**

8.30pm Depart City Chambers
**Tuesday 12 June**

**MORNING CONFERENCE THEME: MAKING PARLIAMENTS RELEVANT – TO THE PEOPLE**

8.55am  Assemble in foyer of Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

9.05am  Depart Macdonald Holyrood Hotel by foot

9.15am  Arrive Scottish Parliament, Horse Wynd Entrance

9.30am  Plenary Session 3: Political Change in the 21st Century – Afghanistan and Iraq – Genuine change or business as usual?

*Members’ Restaurant*

Chair: Margaret Mitchell MSP

**Presenter**

Sir William Patey KCMG

11.00am  Tea/coffee break

11.30am  Annual General Meeting

*Members’ Restaurant*

12.45pm  Lunch

*Committee Room 1*

**AFTERNOON CONFERENCE THEME: MAKING PARLIAMENTS RELEVANT – WITHIN THE MEDIA**

**Plenary session 4 - Is the media taking democracy to new audiences?**

2.00pm  Part 1 - The Parliamentary Perspective (including Q&A)

*Members’ Restaurant*

Chair: Tavish Scott MSP

**Presenters/Panellists**

John McAllion, former MSP

Bill Jamieson, Executive Editor of *The Scotsman*

Carol Madison Graham, Freelance Consultant and Author

3.30pm  Tea/coffee break
4.00pm  Part 2 - Social Media and Political Communication: The #Game Changer?

Members’ Restaurant  
Chair: Tavish Scott MSP

Presenter

Dr Dimitri Christopoulos, Senior Lecturer of Politics, University of the West of England

Panellists

John McAllion, former MSP

Bill Jamieson, Executive Editor of The Scotsman

Carol Madison Graham, Freelance Consultant and Author

4.50pm  Closing Remarks by Chair

EVENING

6.30pm  Assemble in foyer of Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

6.45pm  Depart for dinner venue

7.00pm  Dinner

Amber Restaurant, Castlehill, Edinburgh

9.00pm  Depart Amber Restaurant by taxi/foot

9.15pm  Arrive Macdonald Holyrood Hotel
Wednesday 13 June

7.50am Assemble in foyer of Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

8.00am Depart hotel by coach

9.30am Arrive Glasgow 2014 offices

**Commonwealth House, Albion Street, Glasgow**

Briefing by David Grevemberg, Chief Executive, Glasgow 2014 team

10.30am Depart the Glasgow 2014 offices

Arrive at the Commonwealth Arena and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome

**Met by Jonathan Shaw, General Manager**

11.00am Tour of Commonwealth Arena and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome

*The Commonwealth Arena and the adjoining Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in the East End of Glasgow provide one of the most versatile and innovative structures of its type in Europe. This state-of-the-art precinct site, which is owned by Glasgow City Council, is located in Dalmarnock alongside the Athletes’ Village. Due to open in 2012 this joint venue will become a superb legacy for Scotland aiding the development of the next generation of elite Scottish athletes.*

12.00pm Depart the Commonwealth Arena and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome

12.30pm Arrive City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow

Tour of the City Chambers

1.00pm Lunch hosted by Gerald Leonard, Deputy Lord Provost of Glasgow

2.00pm Depart City Chambers

2.30pm *Closing Session*

**Chair: Margaret Mitchell MSP**

*Parish Halls*

3.00pm Depart Parish Halls by coach

4.30pm Arrive Macdonald Holyrood Hotel
EVENING

6.30pm  Assemble in foyer of Macdonald Holyrood Hotel

6.30pm  Depart Macdonald Holyrood Hotel by foot

6.35pm  Arrive Scottish Parliament, Horse Wynd Entrance

7.00pm  Reception hosted by Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament
        Garden Lobby

7.30pm  Farewell Dinner
        Members’ Restaurant

10.00pm Dinner ends and guests depart
**Thursday 14 June**

Departure day for delegates OR free day for delegates.
Delegates’ Biographies
The Scottish Parliament

The Presiding Officer

Mrs Tricia Marwick MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Presiding Officer and MSP for Mid Fife and Glenrothes
Convener of the Conveners Group
Convener of the Parliamentary Bureau
Convener of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999

Career Summary: Tricia Marwick worked as a public affairs officer for Shelter Scotland from 1992 until her election to the Scottish Parliament in 1999 as a Regional Member for Mid Scotland and Fife and in 2007 was elected as the constituency MSP for Central Fife.

Following her re-election in May 2011 she was elected as the Scottish Parliament’s fourth Presiding Officer

Interests: In her spare time Tricia enjoys listening to music and spending time with her grandchildren Róisin and Odhrán. She is married to Frankie and has two grown-up children Louise and Steven.
Clerk and Chief Executive

Paul Grice

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:

Clerk and Chief Executive of the Scottish Parliament. Leads the Scottish Parliamentary Service which is responsible for delivering all services to the Parliament and its Members. The Parliament employs around 500 staff and has an annual budget of around £80m.

Career Summary: Graduated in 1984 from Stirling University. Joined the Civil Service through the “Fast Stream” in 1985. Worked for the Department of Transport and, subsequently, the Department of the Environment on Bus De-regulation, Railways Policy and Local Government Finance. Subsequently Private Secretary to Virginia Bottomley MP.


Appointed a member of the University Court at Stirling in 2006 and chair of the Finance Committee in 2008. Secretary to Scotland’s Futures Forum, Hon Fellow RIAS.
Regional Representatives

Dr. Roberta Blackman-Woods MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
MP for Durham City, Acting BIMR Regional Representative
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2005

Career Summary: Roberta Blackman-Woods has been the MP for Durham City since 2005. Her interests in Parliament include housing, planning, international development, foreign affairs and regeneration.

Roberta has been on the executive of the CPA UK branch since 2007 and is currently one of its Vice-Chairs. As well as the CPA, Roberta sits on a number of All-Party Groups, founded and chairs the All-Party Balanced and Sustainable Communities Group and is a Co-Chair of the All-Party Universities Group.

In October 2011, Roberta was appointed Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government and has previously served as Shadow Minister for Civil Society in the Cabinet Office, as Shadow Minister for Business, Innovation and Skills and as a PPS.

Before entering Parliament Roberta was a Professor of Social Policy at the University of Northumbria, Head of Policy for the Local Government Information Unit and a councillor for Newcastle and Oxford City Councils.

Deputy Michael George O'Hara

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:
Minister of Culture and Leisure
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Career Summary:
UK up to 1973:
Mechanical services design and contracts engineer involved in major projects throughout the UK and International markets.

Guernsey Based from 1973:
Involvement with services and building construction.
Owner of building and development company.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
2002 - Regional Wales
2003 – Plenary Bangladesh
2006 - Regional Malta (leader of conference)
2010 – Plenary Kenya
Dr. Pambos Papageorgiou, MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
- Deputy Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Refugees, Enclaved, Missing and Adversely-Affected Persons.
- Member of the House Standing Committees on:
  1. Financial and Budgetary Affairs,
- Member of the delegation of the House to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary:
- Professor of Philosophy at the European University Cyprus.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:

Mr Andrew Tuggey DL

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Secretary, British Isles and Mediterranean Region

Career Summary: A former soldier and defence diplomat, assumed CPA UK appointment January 2004.

Interests: Parliamentary Strengthening, international affairs, politics, defence & security; opera; sailing; skiing; shooting; Army Benevolent Fund and Gurkha Welfare Trust.
CPA Branch: Alderney

Mr Geoffrey Sargent, States Member

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Chairman, Building Development & Control Committee; Chairman, Finance Advisory Group; Chairman, Housing Association Liaison Committee; Airport Liaison representative; member Policy & Finance Committee.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Career Summary: Chartered Accountant with extensive business experience in the UK and overseas, including Pakistan, Cyprus, Singapore, Angola, South Africa and Europe.

Interests: Bridge, cricket, travel, music.

Mrs Sarah Kelly

Career Summary: Trained as a Magistrates Clerk and qualified as a Solicitor in 1997. Moved to Alderney to take up the role of Clerk of the Court of Alderney and qualified as an Advocate of the Royal Court of Guernsey in 2003. Appointed as the Greffier of Alderney in 2005, which encompassed the role of Clerk to the States of Alderney.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended: Jersey, Guernsey, Malta, Gibraltar, the 61st Westminster Seminar.

Interests: Football, golf and sailing.
CPA Branch: Cyprus

Mr Sophocles Fittis, MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
- Administrative Clerk of the House
- Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights and on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women.
- Member of the House Standing Committees on:
  (1) Agriculture and Natural Resources,
  (2) Environment,
  (3) Refugees, Enclaved, Missing and Adversely-Affected Persons.
- Member of the delegation of the House to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and of the delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).
- Member of the delegation of the House to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Career Summary:
- Elected Member of the Democratic Party for the Kyrenia District since 2001.
- Assistant Secretary of the Pancyprian Welfare Council (PSE).
- Member of the DIKO Kyrenia District Committee.
- Member of the DIKO Central Committee.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
Has attended all BIMR Conferences from 2003 to 2011 and annual CPA Conferences from 2003 to 2011. Also, participated in the UK Branch Seminar on International Migration and Human Trafficking in London (February 2009), the Joint CPA & WBI Conference on the Role of Parliaments in Conflict-Affected States in Vienna (October 2010) and the International Conference on the MDGs (organized by the CPA-UK Branch) in London on 28 November – 2 December 2011.

Interests: Interests include human rights issues and agricultural and rural development.
Mr George Tasou, MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
- Deputy Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Educational Affairs.
- Member of the House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources and of the House Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs.
- Member of the delegation of the House to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001

Career Summary:
- An elected Member of the Democratic Rally Party since 2001 for the Larnaca District.
- Foreman-Draughtsman
- President of the Pancyprian Farmers Union (PEK) (1976-1989).
- President of the DISY Xylofagou Local Committee (1978-1988).
- Member of the board of the Larnaka District and Advisory Committee for the Administration of Turkish Cypriot Properties (1989-1995) and of the board of the Cyprus Potato Marketing Board (1992-1998).
- Member of the Larnaka Anti-Drugs Association.
- DISY Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Party’s co-ordinator for agriculture matters in the House since 2001.
- District Secretary of the Larnaka Farmers Association, member of the Farmers Committee, of the Farmers Association Supreme Council and of the collective bodies of the association since 1989.
- Member of the Larnaka District Executive Secretariat and of the Larnaka District Council of DISY since 1976.
- Member of the DISY Supreme Council and of the DISY Political Bureau since 1976.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
Has attended the 55th, 56th and 57th CPC in 2009, 2010 and 2011 respectively, and the 41st BIMR Conference in 2010 (Isle of Man).

Interests: Interests include agriculture, welfare and children with special needs issues.
Mrs Christiana Solomonidou

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Senior International Relations Officer

Career Summary:
Employed in the International Relations Service of the Cyprus House of Representatives from 2000. Since then has been promoted from International Relations Officer to International Relations Officer A’ in 2006 and to Senior International Relations Officer in 2010.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:

Interests: Interests include International Relations, travelling and photography.
CPA Branch: Falkland Islands

Hon. Richard (Dick) Sawle, MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Member of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council
Portfolio responsibilities: Central Administration, Legislation, Post & Telecommunication, Information technology, Monopolies, Port Development, Trade & Industry.
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2009
Career Summary: 13 years as a teacher, then founded his own fishing company for 20 years before retiring.
Interests: Fishing, boats, skiing, motorcycles and music.

Mrs Claudette Prior

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council
Honorary Secretary CPA Falkland Islands Branch.
Career Summary: 1969 Civil Servant working in Admin, Broadcasting and Development
1994-Present Head of Legislature Dept
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
1994 Canada
1995 Sri Lanka
1996 Malaysia
1999 Trinidad & Tobago
2000 United Kingdom
2002 Namibia
2003 United Kingdom
2003 Bangladesh
2004 Falkland Islands
2005 Jersey
Interests: Walking and reading.
CPA Branch: Gibraltar

Hon Paul John Balban MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011
Career Summary: State Registered Dietician, Taxi Driver and as from December 2011, Minister for Traffic, Health and Safety and Technical Services.
Interests: Photography and travel.

Hon. Charles Arthur Bruzon MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Minister for Housing and the Elderly
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2003
Interests: Music, reading, community activities.

Hon. Isobel Marie Ellul-Hammond MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Opposition Spokesman For Health, Education And Civil Contingencies
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011
Career Summary: Voluntary/charity work - 30 years; freelance broadcaster - 20 years; secondary teacher - 5 years.
Interests: Literature, theatre and music.
Hon. James Joseph Netto MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Opposition Spokesman For Social Security, Social Affairs And Health And Safety
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1996
Career Summary: Trade Unionist; Government Minister 1996-2011; Opposition Spokesman For Social Security, Social Affairs And Health And Safety.
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
CPA Regional: Isle Of Man; Guernsey; Gibraltar. CPA Plenary Conference: Canada; Mauritius; Tanzania 2009.
Interests: Country walking and reading philosophy.

Mr. Melvyn Leslie Farrell
Branch Secretary

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Clerk To The Gibraltar Parliament
Career Summary: Private Secretary to the Chief Minister 1988-1996; Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages 1996-2006; Clerk to the Gibraltar Parliament, Electoral Registration Officer/Returning Officer for Gibraltar and European Parliamentary Elections, Hon. Secretary CPA Gibraltar Branch 2006 to date.
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
Interests: Militaria.
CPA Branch: Guernsey

Deputy Garry M Collins

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Board Member, Treasury and Resources, States of Guernsey
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2012
Career Summary:
Bank Manager (NatWest Guernsey) - 1997 to 2000
Currency Accountant (Civil Service Treasury Guernsey) - 2000 to 2007
Treasury Manager (Specsavers HQ Guernsey) - 2007 to 2011
Financial Planning Executive (Healthspan HQ Guernsey) - 2011 to 2012
Currently full time Deputy of the States of Guernsey
Interests: Bowling (International Bowler 1999 – present) and Sports Administration.

Deputy Mark Hirzel Dorey

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:
Member of Treasury & Resources Department
Vice Chairman of States Assembly and Constitution Committee
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2002
Career Summary:
HND in Computer Studies
Software industry for 21 years with 17 years in development/management of a wealth management system
Director of a family property company
Deputy Minister of Housing Department and Minister of Social Security Department
Member of the following policy development committees: Population Policy Group, Strategic Land Planning Group & Social Policy Group.
Interests: DIY, sport, gardening and skiing.
Deputy Sandra James

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Deputy Minister Social Security
Member of the Public Accounts Committee
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2012
Career Summary:
Healthcare
Interests: Equality, diversity and advocacy issues.

Deputy Jonathan Paul Le Tocq

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Deputy Chief Minister
Minister for the Home Department
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2000; re-elected 2012
Career Summary:
Education member, Overseas Aid President, Chairman Public Sector Remuneration Committee and Deputy Minister Treasury and Resources
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
2005 – Regional Jersey
Interests: Philosophy and theology; music - classical and jazz; French culture & language; reading especially ecclesiastical & socio-political history; travel, food and wine.
Mr Simon Ross

**Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office**
Guernsey Branch Delegation Secretary

**Career Summary:**
1986-1989 Schoolmaster in Peshawar, Pakistan
1993-Present States of Guernsey Civil Servant
1999-Present Her Majesty’s Deputy Greffier

**List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:**

**Interests:** Reading and sailing.

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Mr Jon Torode

**Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office**
Guernsey Branch Hon. Secretary

**Career Summary:** Civil Servant

**Interests:** Fishing.
CPA Branch: Isle of Man

Mr Robert Philip Braidwood MLC

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Member Legislative Council 2010 to date; Member of Treasury 2006 to date; Chairman Tynwald Advisory Council for Disabilities 2007 to date.
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1995
Career Summary: Sub postmaster 1981-95; Postal officer 1973-81; Metallurgist at British Insulated Callendar Cables 1971-73; Liverpool University 1967-70.
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
Interests: Hill walking.

Hon. Stephen Charles Rodan SHK

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Speaker House of Keys
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1995
Career Summary: Speaker and Deputy President of Tynwald 2006-date; Member of House of Keys for Garff 1995-date; Minister for Health and Social Security 2004-06; Minister for Education 1999-2004. Pharmacist by profession (in Scotland, Bermuda 1977-87, Isle of Man 1987 to date).
Interests: Bagpipes, Burns Suppers, travel and history.
Hon. Juan Paul Watterson MHK

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Minister Home Affairs, 2011 to date; Member House of Keys, 2006 to date; Member Public Accounts Committee, 2007-2011. Also formerly a Member of Dept of Health & Social Security, Local Government & Environment, Planning & Dept of Economic Development.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2006


Interests: Walking, chess, Treasurer of Southern Befrienders and Royal British Legion Committee Member - Port Erin Branch.

Mr Tony Peter Wild MLC

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Member Legislative Council, 2011 to date; Member Economic Development, 2011 to date; Member Education and Children, 2012 to date.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary: Island Director Lloyds Bank 2002-10; Lloyds Banking Group in variety of Isle of Man and international positions 1978-2002.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended: Westminster visit 2012.

Interests: Local history, walking, clay pigeon shooting and running vintage MGB-GT.
Mr Roger Ian Sexton Phillips
Clerk of Tynwald

**Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:**
Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary House of Keys, Counsel to the Speaker, Registrar of Members’ Interests 2008-date.

**Career Summary:** Practice at the bar, Midland and Oxford circuit 1978-81; House of Commons Clerk 1981-2008.


**Interests:** Family life, painting and drawing and reading.
CPA Branch: Jersey

Deputy Rod Bryans

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Assistant Minister For Education
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011
Career Summary: Director of an insurance brokerage.
Interests: Creative thinking, photography, the arts, film, literature and comedy.

Deputy Alan Simon Crowcroft

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office:
Chair of Privileges and Procedures Committee
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1996
Career Summary: Took degree in English at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University; trained as teacher at Westminster College, Oxford. Elected Constable of St Helier five times from 2001 to present.
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended: Seminar Prince Edward Island; BIMR Malta.
Interests: Reading, writing, theatre, music, sailing and local history.

Deputy John Le Fondré

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Assistant Minister Transport and Technical Services
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2005
Career Summary:
Chartered Accountant
Deputy Susie Pinel

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Assistant Minister Social Security

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary: 30 Years as a conservator/restorer of works of art specialising in the conservation of miniatures working for many major collections including the Scottish National Portrait Gallery and the Royal Collection. Was awarded a Royal Warrant from HRH The Queen 2001. Managing Director of Miniature and Fine Art Conservation (Jersey) Ltd. Chairman of Brig-y-don Children's Home and Charity. Trustee for 6 years of the Jersey Heritage Trust.

Interests: Art, travel, sailing, theatre, walking, cooking and charitable work.

Mrs Anne Harris

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Deputy Greffier of the States of Jersey
Deputy Honorary Secretary Jersey Branch CPA

Career Summary:
Committee Clerk 1977-1979
Director of Studies, English Language School 1987-1993
Senior Committee Clerk 1993-2000
Assistant Greffier of the States 2000-2002
Deputy Greffier from 2002 to present

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
General Assemblies - Bangladesh 2003; Fiji 2005; India 2007; Kenya 2010
BIMR Regional Assemblies - Cambridge/London 2003; Jersey 2005; Belfast 2007; Guernsey 2009
Small Countries Conference Jersey 2000; Bangladesh 2003; Fiji 2005; India 2007; Guernsey 2010
Society of Clerks at the Table - Bangladesh 2003; Fiji 2005; India 2007; Kenya 2010

Interests: Current affairs, swimming and dance.
CPA Branch: Malta

Hon David Agius MP

**Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office**
Government Whip

**Year First Elected to Parliament:** 2003

**Career Summary:**
- 2001-2003: Elected Councillor in the Attard Local Council
- Vice President of the European Union of Christian Democratic Workers Committee (EUCDW)
- 2003: Elected Member of Parliament and appointed Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for the Consideration of Bills
- 2008 to date: Parliamentary Whip and Secretary of the Government Parliamentary Group.
- Member of the House Business Committee.
- Head of the CPA Maltese delegation.
- Head of the Malta-France Parliamentary Friendship Group.

**List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:**
- Annual Conferences: Malaysia, Tanzania, Kenya and London
- BIMR: Guernsey
- Mid Year ExCo meeting in Tonga, 2012.

Hon Frederick Azzopardi MP

**Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office**
Government Deputy Whip

**Year First Elected to Parliament:**
1998 - to date with the *Partit Nazzjonalista*, party in Government

**Career Summary:**
- 2008 to date: Deputy Chairman of Committees of the whole House
- Member of the House Business Committee and Member of the Social Affairs Committee
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party.

**List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:**
- Annual Conferences: Bangladesh, Fiji, Canada, Australia, Nigeria
- BIMR: Northern Ireland.

**Interests:** Reading and sports.
Hon Angelo Farrugia MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Deputy Leader for Parliamentary Affairs, Malta Labour Party, presently in Opposition since 2008
Shadow Minister for Employment, Industrial Relations, Living and Working Conditions and Cooperatives

Year First Elected to Parliament:
1996 to date, with the Malta Labour Party

Career Summary:
Lawyer by profession

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:

Hon Silvio Parnis MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Main Spokesperson for the Sustainable Development of the South of Malta

Year First Elected to Parliament:
1998 to date with the Malta Labour Party

Career Summary:
1994-1998 Mayor of Paola
2003-2008 Spokesperson for the Elderly
2008-2011 Spokesperson for Consumer Affairs
2011 to date Spokesperson for the Sustainable Development of the South of Malta
Works in the sector for the elderly.
Ms Pauline Abela

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Clerk Assistant

Career Summary:
2012 – Clerk Assistant
2008-2012 Clerk to the House
2001-2008 – Clerk Assistant
1996-2001 – Committee Clerk

Joined the Civil Service in 1978

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
Annual Conference in India 2007
CPA Branch: Northern Ireland

Mr Stewart Dickson MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Member of the Business Committee, Regional Development Committee, Justice Committee, Assembly and Executive Review Committee. Alliance Party Chief Whip.
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011
Career Summary: Member of the Alliance Party. Elected as East Antrim MLA in 2011.

Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Member of the Education Committee and Agriculture Committee.
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011
Career Summary: Member of the UUP. Elected as MLA for Upper Bann in 2011.
Interests: Jo-Anne is a committed Upper Bann Councillor who takes a keen interest in local environmental and leisure issues and is currently leading a campaign to bring pre-school education to Waringstown.
Mr Basil McCrea MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Chair of Employment and Learning Committee
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007
Career Summary: Member of the Ulster Unionist Party, MLA for Lagan Valley.

Mr Sean Rogers MLA

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Member of the Education Committee
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2012
Career Summary: Replaced Margaret Ritchie as the SDLP MLA for South Down in 2012.

Mr Peter Hall

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Head of Outreach and Education
CPA Branch: Scotland

Patricia Ferguson MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
MSP for Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn

Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999

Career Summary:

Interests: Culture and the arts, sport, housing and education.

Margaret Mitchell, MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
MSP for Central Scotland
Scottish Conservative Spokesperson for Local Government
Member of the Local Government Committee
Convener of the CPGs on: Dyslexia, Caribbean and Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse.

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2003

Career Summary: 2011 to date: Scottish Conservative Local Government Spokesperson
2007-11: Convener Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee
2003 to date: MSP Central Scotland
2003-07: Scottish Conservative Party Justice Spokesman
1992-95: Non-Executive Director Stonehouse and Hairmyres NHS Hospital Trust
1974-98: Primary & Special Education Teacher in North and South Lanarkshire

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:

Interests: Photography, cycling, golf, music and sailing.
Tavish Scott, MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
MSP for Shetland, Scottish Liberal Democrats Spokesperson for Business and the Economy and for Sport., Member of the CPA and the Public Audit Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999


List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended: Part of the delegation that met with Special Envoy Annie Lennox when she visited the Scottish Parliament in 2012.

Interests: Football, golf, cinema, reading, current affairs, Up Helly Aa.

Sandra White MSP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
MSP for Glasgow Kelvin

Members of the following Committees:
- Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee (Substitute Member)
- Public Petitions Committee (Deputy Convener)

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1999

Career Summary:
Sandra has been active locally and nationally since joining the SNP in 1983, being councillor for Foxbar, Renfrewshire, for ten years before being elected as a Glasgow MSP in 1999.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
Member of the CPA Scotland Branch cross-party delegation visit to Australia and New Zealand, 2009
Attended the CPC Conference, London 2011

Interests: Sandra’s interests in politics are achieving social justice and the regeneration of Glasgow.
Margaret Neal

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Secretary, CPA Scotland Branch

Career Summary:
Joined the former Scottish Office in 1973 and held various posts in health, local government and social research departments. Seconded to the Scottish Parliament in 1998, took up post as Secretary of the Security Steering Group. Began working in external relations in 2000 serving as Parliamentary Relations Officer and Assistant Secretary of the CPA Scotland Branch. Branch Secretary since 2006.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
Attended CPA Regional Conferences since 2001. Attended the CPA Annual Conference in India in 2007. Accompanied CPA Scotland Branch cross party delegations to legislatures in Canberra, Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Malawi, New Zealand, Nova Scotia, Ontario, PEI, Quebec, Victoria and Western Australia.
CPA Branch: St Helena

Hon. Mr Mervyn Robert Yon MLC

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Member of the Executive Council of St Helena
Chairman of the Infrastructure and Utilities Committee
Member of the Home, International and Civil Society Committee
Member of the Natural Resources, Development and Environment Committee

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1997

Career Summary: Immediately before becoming a Legislative Councillor for St Helena in 1997, I worked within the Public Works and Services Department on St Helena as a Foreman (Painter). Prior to this I worked on Ascension Island with PANAM as an Assistant Cook. As a youngster I also worked within the farming industry and within the old Flax Mill on St Helena Island.

List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended: The last CPA Conference I attended was in 2002 (in Namibia). Since then I have attended two EU OCT Forum meetings (in Brussels and in New Caledonia).

Interests: Council work is a full time job which encroaches into a Councillor's spare time - however, I find this work interesting and enjoyable. In addition to Council work I also enjoy reading and all sports and I enjoy keeping up to date with the international news.
CPA Branch: UK

Mr Thomas Docherty MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
MP for Dunfermline and West Fife
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2010
Career Summary:
Thomas Docherty was elected in May 2010, winning the Dunfermline & West Fife constituency back for Labour from the Liberal Democrats. Thomas was elected to the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and the Commons Administration Select Committees by the PLP in June 2010. In October of that year he was elected to the Defence Select Committee and the following summer to the Procedure Select Committee. In October 2010 Ed Miliband appointed Thomas to the Front Bench as Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Angela Eagle, who is currently Shadow Leader of the House of Commons.

Mr Mark Lazarowicz MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
MP for Edinburgh North and Leith
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2001
Career Summary: Mark Lazarowicz has been MP for Edinburgh North and Leith since 2001. He has taken a keen interest in a range of issues including climate change and the environment, international development, debt and personal finance, disability issues, transport, Europe and constitutional issues.
In 2010-11, Mark was a Shadow Spokesman for International Development. He has a longstanding interest in this area and was also previously Vice-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Debt, Trade and Aid. Between October 2008 and May 2010, Mark was the Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Global Carbon Markets and was the author of a major report on the subject. He is also currently a member of the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee. He is a member of the Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary Group, which he chaired in 2008-09. He was also previously Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Debt and Personal Finance for several years up to the last election. Prior to being elected as an MP, Mark worked as an Advocate at the Scottish Bar and is a former leader of Edinburgh City Council. He lives with his family in Edinburgh.
Miss Victoria Bower

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Operations and Communications Manager, CPA UK
Career Summary: Dance teacher; volunteer events manager, Cancer Research UK; CPA UK.
CPA Branch: Wales

Mr Byron Davies, AM

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Shadow Minister for Transport, Regeneration and European Affairs

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2011

Career Summary: Police Officer in London’s Metropolitan Police, where he served for a number of years at the UK National Crime Squad. During this time, he was seconded to the European Union as an advisor on combating organised crime.

Interests: Transport policy, policing, justice, renewable energy and devolution.

Mr Simon Thomas, AM

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Opposition spokesperson on Education and Skills

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2000

Career Summary: Has worked in National Library of Wales; local government and voluntary sector. Member of Westminster Parliament, 2000-05; senior special adviser, Welsh Government 2007-10; AM Mid and West Wales, 2011-

Interests: Environment, culture, transport and education.
Mrs Elizabeth Joyce Watson, AM

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2007
Career Summary: Assembly Member for Mid & West Wales
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended: 2011 CPC, London People Trafficking Conference IPC, London - 2010
Interests: National & international trafficking of people (Chair of Assembly Cross Party Group).

Mr Al Davies

Career Summary: Career Summary:
2008-Present – International Relations Manager & CPA Wales Branch Acting Secretary
2006-08 – National Assembly for Wales Visitor Services Team Manager
2004-06 – Welsh Government – Welsh Language Policy Officer
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended:
BIMR Conferences: 2009 - States of Guernsey, 2010 - Isle of Man, 2010 CPC - Nairobi, Kenya
Interests: International relations, travel, cycling, golf, film, playing guitar & cooking.
Presenters

John Carnochan QPM FFPH

Detective Chief Superintendent, Co-Director of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit.

John is a Detective Chief Superintendent with Strathclyde Police, a force of over 10,000 officers and staff covering central Scotland including the city of Glasgow. He has been a police officer for over 38 years working mostly as a Detective. He has been involved in various roles in the investigation of serious crime and in particular as senior investigating officer in murder inquiries. He was, until 2004, deputy head of the Criminal Investigation Department (Operations) with direct responsibility for the force Serious Crime Squad and Fraud Squad. He was a Licensed Hostage Negotiator and was responsible within the force for all matters relating to abduction.

In 1997 he spent time as a police adviser to the Governor of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the West Indies.

Together with Karyn McCluskey, John established the Violence Reduction Unit in January 2005 with the aim of developing a strategy that would bring about sustainable reductions in violence within Strathclyde. In April 2006 the VRU assumed a Scotland-wide role and is now supported by the Scottish Government. Its fundamental tenet is that “violence is preventable - not inevitable”.

He was awarded the Queen’s Police Medal in 2007.

In 2010 John was made a Fellow by Distinction of the Faculty of Public Health.

He is a member of several groups and organisations including:

- Association of Chief Police Officers (Scotland) (ACPOS) lead officer for Violence Reduction
- Member—ACPOS Crime Business Area
- Chair—ACPOS Tactical Violence Reduction Group
- Member—ACPOS Scottish Strategic Tasking and Coordinating Group
- Member—ACPOS Community Safety Strategic Group
- Member—National Community Safety Strategic Group
- Trustee on the Board of The Children’s Parliament
- Member—Executive Board of Alcohol Focus Scotland
- Commissioner—The Poverty and Truth Commission
- Member—World Health Organisation (WHO) Violence Prevention Alliance
- Lead—World Health Organisation Criminal Justice Liaison Group
- Member—UK Homicide Working Group
- Member—European Homicide Working Group
- Member of the Independent Enquiry into Maximising the Recovery from Dependent Drug use in Scotland
- Member of the Scottish Government’s Early Years Task Force.
He is a regular lecturer at the Scottish Police College and presents on the work of the VRU at conferences, seminars and universities throughout the UK. He acts as a technical adviser for the World Health Organisation’s Violence Prevention Alliance and he is the lead officer on their Criminal Justice Liaison Group.

He is currently working with the University of St Andrews in assisting three low and Middle-income countries to develop violence reduction strategies.

John recently presented to the Home Secretary’s Inter-Ministerial Group and was part of the expert group which was formed to develop an effective strategy for reducing gang-related violence in England and Wales.


Dr Dimitrios Christopoulos

Dr Dimitrios Christopoulos is the chairperson of the UK Social Networks Analysis Association, editor of the academic journal “Connections” and convener of the Social Networks group of the European Consortium of Political Research. He is Senior Lecturer in politics at UWE-Bristol and Senior Research Fellow at CEPS-Luxembourg. He has been published in a number of prestigious academic journals on public policy, political entrepreneurship and policy networks. Dr Christopoulos is currently researching political leadership and cross-border policy networks and has an interest in the effect of social media on political mobilisation.
Bill Jamieson

Bill Jamieson is Executive Editor of The Scotsman writing regularly on finance and economics as well as politics and current affairs. He is also the economics columnist for Scotland on Sunday and a contributor to the Spectator Business magazine, City AM and a regular commentator on business and economics affairs for BBC Scotland.

In 2009 he won Business Journalist of the Year and overall Journalist of the Year in the Scottish Press Awards. He also collected Campaign of the Year Award for The Scotsman for its series of articles on the Lloyds-HBOS merger.

Bill is an accomplished performer on business and investment platforms and speaks with passion and humour on the major business and political issues of the day.

Prior to joining The Scotsman in 2000, he was for seven years Economics Editor of The Sunday Telegraph.

In addition to journalism and his prolific speaking work, Bill is also the author of a number of books on economics and politics including “An Illustrated Guide to the British Economy” and “Scotland’s Ten Tomorrows”.

Carol Madison Graham

Carol Madison Graham holds advanced degrees from Georgetown University in Middle East History and International Relations and began a career in international policy and educational exchange as a US diplomat.

Carol has been a speaker at the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors and the National Association of Fellowship Advisors. In 2011 she was the keynote speaker for the American Association of Study Abroad Programs in the UK. In addition to speaking at conferences and workshops Carol works as a consultant for universities seeking to improve the cultural experiences of their students. She serves on several boards in the UK including the Marshall Scholarships Commission, the International House Trust and the Carnegie UK Trust. She speaks several languages and still cheers for all her former host countries in the Olympics.
John McAllion

John McAllion is a former Labour Party convener of Tayside Regional Council, Member of Parliament (MP) and Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP).

A teacher by profession, John became a Labour member of Tayside Regional Council, of which he became the convener in 1986. In the 1987 general election McAllion was elected Labour MP for the Dundee East constituency winning the seat from the then Leader of the SNP, Gordon Wilson. In 1999 he was elected to the Scottish Parliament to represent Dundee East, where he has also acted as convener of the Scottish Parliament’s Public Petitions Committee. In 2006, Mr McAllion stood for the Scottish Socialist Party in the Dunfermline and West Fife by-election. John has been retired since 2008, but is still active in his former constituency of Dundee dedicating his time as a volunteer Director of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum, a committee member of the One World Centre in Dundee and an executive member of the Dundee Pensioners' Forum. He serves on the committee of the Dundee-Nabulius Twinning Association and also represents his union, GMB, on the board of Dundee Leisure Services.

Ailsa McKay

Ailsa McKay is Professor in Economics at Glasgow Caledonian University. Her teaching and research interests are in the areas of the economics of the welfare state, the reform of current social security measures and the economics of gender inequalities. She is author of "The Future of Social Security: Women, Work and a Citizens Basic Income" (Routledge, 2005) and she has written a number of articles focused on exploring how a basic income could promote greater gender equality. She is a founding member of the Scottish Women's Budget Group and is a member of the Scottish Government's Equality and Budgets Advisory Group.
Art O’Leary

Art O’Leary has been the Director of Committees, Information and Communications and a member of the senior management team in the Houses of the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament) for over 10 years. He was recently appointed as Secretary to the new Constitutional Convention, established to review and develop proposals to revise the Irish Constitution. He has an MBA from Henley Business School.

Sir William Patey KCMG

Sir William was born in Edinburgh in 1953, where he attended Trinity Academy School. He then read Modern History at the University of Dundee from 1971 to 1975.

Sir William joined the Diplomatic Service straight after graduation. After working on the Rhodesia Desk on entry to the Foreign Office, he went to the FCO’s Middle East Centre for Arabic Studies in Lebanon to study Arabic. A year later, he went to Abu Dhabi as Commercial Attaché, after which he was posted to the British Embassy in Tripoli to work in the Political Section. After a few years in London, where he worked successively on the Libya/Syria Desk and the Iran/Iraq Desk, he was posted to Australia as Head of the Political Section at the British High Commission in Canberra. Returning to London in 1992, he was appointed Deputy Head of United Nations Department. He then spent two years as an Overseas Inspector before being posted to Riyadh as Deputy Head of Mission and Consul General from 1995 to 1998.

On his return to London in 1998, Sir William was appointed Head of Middle East Department, where he served from 1999 to 2002. In 2002 he was appointed Ambassador to Sudan during the negotiations for a comprehensive peace agreement between the Government of Khartoum and the southern rebels (SPLA). In June 2005 he was appointed Ambassador to Iraq and served there for 14 months, during the drafting and passing in a referendum of the new Iraqi Constitution. He left Baghdad at the end of July 2006 and, until his appointment as Ambassador to Saudi Arabia in April 2007, he served as the Director of the Comprehensive Spending Review programme in the Foreign Office. Sir William was until recently HM Ambassador to Afghanistan (May 2010 to April 2012). He recently retired from the Diplomatic Service and is now Director of WCP Consultants Limited.

Sir William is married to Vanessa, Lady Patey. They have two sons, William and Thomas.
John Swinney MP

John joined the SNP in 1979 at the age of 15 and has held a number of posts within the Party at local and national level. He has been the National Secretary, Vice Convener for Publicity and Deputy Leader before leading the party from 2000-2004.

John was elected as the Member of Parliament for North Tayside on 1st May 1997 in a seat that had once been the safest Conservative seat in Scotland.

On 6th May 1999 John was elected as the Member of the Scottish Parliament for North Tayside and was re-elected at the 2003 Scottish Parliament Election with an increased majority of 4,503.

At the election in May 2007, John was re-elected with 18,281 votes, and a majority of 7,584. John’s vote was the highest in Scotland.

On 5th May 2011, John Swinney contested the new seat of Perthshire North and won with 18,219 votes, and a majority of 10,353. John's vote was the second highest in Scotland, second only to First Minister, Alex Salmond MSP.

John is a member of the SNP Scottish Government and is currently the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth.

Phil Wilson

Phil Wilson is a general practitioner and senior lecturer in infant mental health at the University of Glasgow. He will shortly be appointed professor of primary care and rural health at the University of Aberdeen. He trained in medicine in Cambridge after completing a research doctorate in neurochemistry at Oxford. His academic work has focussed on the development and evaluation of a range of interventions in primary care, most recently specifically on the role of primary care health services in improving infant mental health. He has contributed to several official reports, and has published numerous academic papers on early childhood mental health. He has also been active at the interface between research, the use of evidence and public policy. He is currently involved in research designed to improve early identification and treatment of psychological and psychiatric problems in infancy, and to evaluate what works best in practice.

http://www.gla.ac.uk/researchinstitutes/healthwellbeing/staff/philipwilson/
Special Guests

CPA Branch: British Islands and Mediterranean

Sir Alan Haselhurst MP

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Chairperson, CPA International
Year First Elected to Parliament: 1970
Career Summary: Employment: Executive, chemicals and plastic industry 1960-70; Public Affairs Consultant 1974-97.

CPA Branch: Falkland Islands

Hon Keith Biles SLA (Speaker of Legislative Assembly)

Present Parliamentary Portfolio or Office
Speaker of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly.
Year First Elected to Parliament: 2009
Career Summary: Keith Biles was a member of the overseas staff of a major international British bank for 25 years, living and working in many parts of the world. He arrived in the Falkland Islands in 1995 to take up the appointment as C.E.O. of the local branch of the bank, and retired from that position in 2002. He is active in many roles within the voluntary sector in the Islands, and is a Justice of the Peace.
List of CPA Conferences, Seminars, Visits or Workshops recently attended: Commonwealth Speaker's Conference, Trinidad 2012.
Interests: Reading, small-scale farming.
Information for delegates

Accommodation
1. Delegates will be accommodated at the Macdonald Holyrood Hotel, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh. Please refer to link below for more information.

http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/our-hotels/macdonald-holyrood-hotel/

2. The official arrival day will be Sunday 10 June and departure day Thursday 14 June

Transport
3. In line with the recent trend at CPA events elsewhere, transport will not be provided to and from the airport.

4. Transport will be provided to all functions and tours.

Meetings
5. The Conference will be held in various locations within the Scottish Parliament, Horse Wynd Edinburgh EH99 1SP.

6. Please note that delegates and guests will be required to pass through airport-style security screening.

Twitter
7. Delegates on Twitter are invited to tweet using the hashtag #bimr2012 for the duration of the conference. Please bear in mind however that mobile phone reception varies throughout the Holyrood building but is particularly good in the Garden Lobby area. Mobile phone use is NOT allowed in the Debating Chamber

Meals
8. The cost of all meals in the conference programme will be borne by the CPA (Scotland Branch).

9. Special diets will be catered for if delegates advise Scotland Branch in advance. All meals are carefully chosen and delegates are asked not to ask catering staff for alternatives at the time of serving.

Laundry and Dry Cleaning
10. Laundry and dry cleaning are personal charges to delegates and will be charged to delegates’ personal accounts in the hotel.
Telephone calls

11. Telephone calls are personal charges to delegates and will be charged to delegates’ personal accounts in the hotel.

Additional Charges

12. Hotel laundry, dry cleaning and telephone services may be expensive. Delegates are advised to check the cost of these services before use.

Accounts

13. Delegates are asked to settle their personal account at the Holyrood Hotel before departure on Thursday 14 June. Delegates are advised to check the status of their personal accounts regularly.

Service Charges and Gratuities

14. The Hotel will add a service charge to the account payable by the Scotland Branch. This does not, of course, preclude delegates from showing appreciation of special services by the Hotel staff.

Secretarial facilities

15. Business facilities will be available at the Scottish Parliament for use by delegates. A small number of computers will be available as will telephone, fax and photocopying facilities.

Accompanying persons

16. The CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee agreed that no separate programme should be arranged for accompanying persons. The definition for accompanying persons, in this context, applies to persons sharing a double room.

17. The fee for accompanying persons will not exceed £300.00. The exact figure will be determined as soon as the final arrangements are confirmed. The fee will include double occupancy supplements in hotels and all other expenses directly related to accompanying persons. Accompanying persons will have free time during business hours. Meals during the day are their own responsibility.

18. Payment for accompanying persons should be paid in sterling cash or a banker’s draft. It is regretted that foreign currency, foreign cheques or payment by credit card cannot be accepted.

Attendance at Functions

19. It is not necessary for delegates to accept formally invitations to the functions set out in the Programme. The invitations have in each case been accepted collectively on their behalf. If through illness or other reasons any delegate is unable to take part in any item of the programme, he or she is asked to give the earliest possible notice to the Host Branch Secretariat.
Insurance - personal, accident, medical, baggage and currency loss

20. Delegates should note that visitors to the UK are not entitled to free medical attention or to hospital in-patient care under the National Health Service, unless their country has reciprocal health care arrangements with the United Kingdom. Therefore, delegates are strongly advised to take out insurance to cover such expenses.

21. Delegates are responsible for their own luggage and currency loss insurance. The Scotland Branch regrets that it cannot be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency or personal effects. Delegates are strongly advised to leave valuables, jewellery and cash in hotel safes.

What the Scotland Branch Will Pay For:

22. Accommodation Costs (including Bed & Breakfast) will be paid for by the Scotland Branch over the Official Conference period. It is assumed that delegates will depart after breakfast on Thursday 14 June unless otherwise agreed.

23. Meals will be provided or paid for by the Scotland Branch over the official conference period provided that the participants are attending the official lunches or dinners in accordance with the programme.

24. As previously mentioned, transport will be provided by the Scotland Branch to official venues and functions only.

What the Scotland Branch Will Not Pay For:

- Private entertainment
- Drinks except at official functions
- Bar charges
- Laundry and dry cleaning
- Medical treatment
- Personal insurance
- Airport taxes
- Room service

25. Business suits will be appropriate throughout the programme including social functions. Please note that the weather in Scotland is variable even in June which should be mild. In Edinburgh, there is usually a cool breeze even on warmer days.

Currency etc.

26. Banks will exchange bank notes but not coins. If you wish to send items by post, only British stamps are valid.
Shopping and banking hours

27. Shops in Edinburgh are usually open between 9.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday. Most department stores in the city centre are open on Sundays from 10.00am to 4pm. Most banks are open from 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday-Friday. There are branches of banks/building societies in Edinburgh open from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. Travellers' cheques can be cashed at one of the many Bureaux Exchanges in the city centre.

Electricity

28. Electricity throughout the UK is 240v AC/ 50Hz with square three-pin plugs. Delegates may need adapter plugs for their own appliances.

Name badges

29. For security purposes and to facilitate introductions, delegates are asked to wear their name badges at all times whilst in the Scottish Parliament and during official engagements.

Religious Services

30. Please note that information about places of worship is available from Reception at the Holyrood Hotel.

Contact Details

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