Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Crofting

Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics

- 1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
- 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
- 3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
- 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
 - 1. The purpose of the group is to discuss items of policy that affect crofting and to bring issues to the attention of MSPs.
 - 2. Crofting is often not given enough consideration in policy-making even though there are over 16,000 registered crofters. Crofting is recognised to be of great social, ecological and economic benefit to Scotland, it is therefore in the public interest to have this CPG.
 - 3. This CPG does not overlap with any existing CPG.
 - 4. Standing items:

Crofting legislation

Crofting administration / regulation

Crofting development

Crofting support - including support schemes and control of pests and predators.

Under the standing items we may have topics such as:

Crofting law reform

Township asset planning

Areas of natural constraint

Control of wild goose numbers

Ferry services

MSP Members of the Group

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

Rhoda Grant SL

Alasdair Allan SNP

Beatrice Wishart SLD

Edward Mountain SC&U

Donald Cameron SC&U

Fergus Ewing SNP

Jamie Halcro-Johnston SC&U

Ariane Burgess SGP

Jenni Minto 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 | Abigail Anne Campbell |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| | Alistair Prior |
| | Angus MacDonald |
| | Becky Shaw |
| | Billy Neilson |
| | Brian Inkster |
| | David Atkinson |
| | Donald Bruce |
| | Donald Meek |
| | Douglas Coulter |
| | Eilidh MacLellan |
| | Fiona MacKenzie |

Gwyn Jones
Iain MacKinnon

Jamie McGrigor

Jamie McIntyre

Jean Urquhart

John Norman Macleod

John Williamson; Lorna Murray

Mark Shucksmith

Morag Jardine

Donald Murdie

Paddy Zakaria

Richard Frew

Rod Mackenzie

Rosemary Champion

Ross McLaren

Tom Gray

Zoe Russell

Organisations

Crofting Commission

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

Farmers for Stock-free Farming

Future Woodlands

Highlands & Islands Enterprise

James Hutton Institute

Land Workers' Alliance

Lantra

Nation Farmers Union Scotland

Registers of Scotland

BBC

| RSPB |
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| SRUC / SAC |
| Nourish Scotland |
| Scottish Crofting Federation |
| Scottish Government |
| Scottish Land and Estates |
| Scottish Natural Heritage (NatureScot) |
| UHI |
| Woodland Trust Scotland. |

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 | Rhoda Grant MSP |
|-------------|----------------------|
| Co-convener | Beatrice Wishart MSP |
| Co-convener | Alasdair Allan MSP |
| Co-convener | Edward Mountain MSP |
| Secretary | Patrick Krause |

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

The group benefits from the secretariat support provided by Patrick Krause, an employee of SCF, most of which is in his own time and for

which he does not claim compensation in cash or kind. However as there is no provision within the CPG rules for the provision of voluntary support, were Patrick to charge for his time it would amount to about £840 for the year (6 meetings, 7 hours per meeting including preparation, attendance and writing up minutes, at £20 per hr).

Subscription Charged by the Group

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

There is no subscription.

Convener Contact Details

| Name | Rhoda Grant MSP |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Parliamentary address | MG.06 |
| Telephone number | 0131 348 5766 |

Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

| Signed | |
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| Date | |