

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on India**

**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.)

07 October 2021

**Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

11 September 2025

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

1 October 2025

**Date of Preceding AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

07 October 2024

**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.

**Meeting on MoU Signing on 6 March 2025**

This meeting included the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Scottish Financial Enterprise (SFE) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), which stemmed from the CPG's visit to India in October 2023. It included remarks from representatives from both bodies, as well as from the Council General of India and from Dr Poonam Gupta.

MSP Attendees: 7

Non-MSP Attendees: 24

### **AGM 11 September 2025 –**

This meeting was the AGM meeting which included the re-appointment of office bearers and the secretary. The meeting also included a discussion with H.E. Mr. Vikram K. Doraiswami, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to the United Kingdom and covered a number of topics such as the India-UK trade deal, education, energy, cultural links, among others.

MSP Attendees: 13

Non- MSP Attendees: 11

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

**Dr Pam Gosal MBE MSP – Scottish Conservatives (Convenor)**

**Paul O’Kane MS – Scottish Labour (Deputy Convenor)**

**Michelle Thomson – SNP (Deputy Convenor)**

**Sarah Boyack – Scottish Labour**

**Miles Briggs – Scottish Conservatives**

**Jackson Carlaw – Scottish Conservatives**

**Foysol Choudhry – Scottish Labour**

**James Dornan – SNP**

**Sharon Dowey – Scottish Conservative**

**Murdo Fraser – Scottish Conservative**

**Dr Sandesh Gulhane – Scottish Conservative**

**Jamie Halcro Johnston – Scottish Conservative**

**Douglas Lumsden – Scottish Conservative**

**Douglas Ross – Scottish 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.

<b>Individuals</b>	
<b>Organisations</b>	PG Paper Company Ltd Consulate of India
<b>Group Office Bearers</b>	

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.

<b>Convener</b>	Dr Pam Gosal MBE MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Michelle Thomson MSP Paul O’Kane MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	PG Paper
<b>Treasurer</b>	PG Paper

#### **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 receives no annual support that amounts to more than £500.

#### **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER**

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Please tick all boxes that apply)**

**I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on India, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:**

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties





Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	<i>Pam Gosd.</i>
Date	01/10/25.