Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Islands

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 cross-party group is to provide a forum for the discussion of issues relevant to Scotland's islands and the residents of island communities, and to improve links between the Scottish Parliament and island communities. 2. The Scottish Government has recognised the unique situation of Scotland's islands, as communities with distinct needs and requiring different approaches to delivering public services. Through the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, the Scottish Parliament also recognised that island differences and distinctions ought to be better recognised in legislation. The Group wishes to ensure not only that island representatives can discuss these issues together and with stakeholders, but that the Group can provide a forum for better mutual understanding of issues between island communities themselves and the Scottish Parliament. An All-Party Parliamentary Group for UK Islands currently exists within the UK Parliament.

3. While recognising the distinct needs of island communities, there is likely to be some overlap across a range of areas. Below at point 4 we have outlined issues such as transport and depopulation. The former will – in part – necessarily affect all parts of Scotland, and the latter may impact some mainland remote and rural communities too.

However the Group seeks to consider these issues from a distinctly island-focused perspective, as well as taking a more broader view of how these individual issues are addressed within the context of island communities.

4. Issues raised at the initial meeting for future work included island transport (particularly ferries and air-links), energy (particularly offshore and remote island energy arrangements) and population (including depopulation, economy and jobs).

MSP Members of the Group

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

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP (Conservative and Unionist)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Labour)

Jenni Minto MSP (SNP)

Donald Cameron MSP (Conservative and Unionist)

Finlay Carson MSP (Conservative and Unionist)

Graham Simpson MSP (Conservative and Unionist)

Alasdair Allan MSP (SNP)

Emma Roddick (SNP)

Ariane Burgress (Scottish Green)

Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat)

Edward Mountain (Conservative and Unionist)

Beatrice Wishart (Liberal Democrat)

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	N/A
Organisations	None formally. List of invitees to join was agreed at initial meeting to be: Orkney Islands Council Shetland Islands Council The Highland Council Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Argyll and Bute Council North Ayrshire Council COSLA Crown Estate Scotland Bord Na Gaidhlig Creative Scotland Community Land Scotland Highlands and Islands Enterprise HISTRANS HIAL UHI Historic Environment Scotland Marine Scotland NHS Highland NHS Ayrshire and Arran NHS Orkney NHS Shetland

	NHS Western Isles
	VisitScotland
	Our Islands Our Future
	Scottish Islands Federation
	National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers
	Orkney Fisheries Association
	Orkney Partnership
	OREF
	Seafood Shetland
	Shetland Arts Development Agency
	Shetland Fishermen's Association
	Shetland Partnership Board
	SPT
	Voluntary Action Shetland
	Development Trusts Association Scotland
	RSPB
	Outer Hebrides Chamber of Commerce
	Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
	Mid-Argyll Chamber of Commerce
	Lochalsh and Skye Chamber of Commerce
	Scottish Rural Action
	NFU Scotland
	Calmac
	CMAL
	Northlink
	Loganair
	BT Openreach

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	Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
Vice Convener	Jenni Minto MSP
Secretary	David Gardiner, Office of Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP (Interim Secretary)

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.

None currently anticipated. Will be seeking an external organisation to provide secretariat support, but none currently indicated.

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.

Not applicable

Convener Contact Details

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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Islands is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
Date	16/12/2021