

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

**Cross-Party Group on Maritime and Shipbuilding**

**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.)

06/10/2021

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

11/12/2024

### Date Annual Return Submitted

06/01/2025

**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]

12/12/2023

### 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.

**Agenda:** Following AGM business, the CPG heard from Brigadier Andrew Muddiman, Naval Regional Commander Scotland and

Northern Ireland, to talk about what the strategic defence review might mean for shipbuilding in Scotland. The group also heard from Dr Rafet Emek Kurt, Department of Naval Architecture, Ocean & Marine Engineering at the University of Strathclyde, who spoke about their innovative work in the maritime sector.

10 September 2024: The CPG heard from Mike Bullock, CEO Northern Lighthouse Board, who spoke about the NLB's new ship-build. The group also heard from Amy Savage, Principle Surveyor at Royal Haskoning, who spoke about port resilience to climate change.

16 April 2024: The CPG heard from Michael Banning, Managing Director Engineer at Brookesbell about fuel standards legislation and the efforts to find sustainable fuel methods. The group also heard from Kevin Hobbs, CEO of CMAL, on the decarbonisation of ports and ferries.

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

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

**Paul Sweeney, Labour and Co-operative**

**Stuart McMillan, Scottish National Party**

**Graham Simpson, Scottish Conservative and Unionist**

**Beatrice Wishart, Liberal Democrat**

**Jeremy Balfour, Scottish Conservative and Unionist**

**Katy Clark, Labour**

**Alex Rowley, Labour**

**Daniel Johnson, Labour**

### **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>	
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<b>Organisations</b>	Harland and Wolff, Maritime UK, The Institution of Engineers in Scotland, BAE Systems, Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd, Strathclyde University Department Of Naval Architecture, Ocean & Marine Engineering, Malin Group, MacTaggart Scott, City of Glasgow College.
<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>	Paul Sweeney MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Graham Simpson MSP Stewart McMillian MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Scottish Maritime Cluster
<b>Treasurer</b>	N/A
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b>	
<b>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.</b>	

**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 <X>, 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided minutes of all meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Signed	
Date	06/01/2025