

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

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| <b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>   |
| <b>Cross-Party Group on Pakistan</b>   |
| <b>Date Group Established</b> (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.)                                  |
| 29.10.21   |
| <b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>  |
| 8.11.22  |
| <b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>  |
| 9.11.22  |
| <b>Date of Preceding AGM</b> [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]  |
| It seems that the meeting on 29.10.21 to establish the group in this parliamentary session was considered to be the AGM. The AGM on 8.11.22 is the first AGM to be held since the establishment meeting on 29.10.21. The 2022 AGM was due to be held on 4 October but the emergency legislation before the Scottish Parliament meant it had to be postponed. |
| <b>Group Meetings and Activities</b>   |

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.

**23.3.22 – Reception in the Scottish Parliament to mark Pakistan Independence Day** This was a celebration with speeches, refreshments, and entertainment. There is no note of the attendance.

**31.5.22 – CPG meeting** (on TEAMS) The meeting heard a presentation from Dr Nishat Riaz of the British Council Pakistan. It then discussed its proposed work programme for the coming years.

**MSP Attendees:** 3 (Kaukab Stewart, Foysol Choudhury, Pam Gosal)

**Non MSP Attendees:** 17 (Dr Azra Meadows, Dr Nishat Riaz, Consul General Raza, Faisal Syed, Mariam Ahmed, Farah Farzana, Somaira Mohsin, Tehmina Mohammed, Lindsay Talor, Sandy Sneddon, Safar Iqbal, Syed Waqar Nabi, Dr Saeeda Bhatti, Ammar Khan, Cllr Hanzala Malik, Shazia Babar, Hilary Brown)

**8.11.22 – CPG meeting** (hybrid) The meeting followed the AGM. It heard a presentation from Consul General Raza on the situation in Pakistan following this year's devastating monsoon floods. It agreed that the CPG would create two subgroups to consider Education and Climate Emergency respectively, to be led by the Convener and the Deputy Convener respectively. These subgroups will meet before the next CPG Meeting. The next meeting of the CPG will be hybrid and will take place on 7 February 2023.

**MSP Attendees:** 4

**Non MSP Attendees:** 14

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

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

**Kaukab Stewart MSP (Convener) SNP**

**Sarah Boyack MSP (Vice Convener) Labour**

**Willie Rennie MSP (Member) LibDem**  
**Murdo Fraser MSP (Member) Conservative**  
**Anas Sarwar MSP (Member) Labour**  
**Foysool Choudhury MSP (Member) Labour**  
**James Dornan MSP (Member) 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**

|              |              |
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| Naeema       | Yaqoob Sajid |
| Nasir        | Jaffri       |
| Somaira      | Mohsin       |
| Shabir       | Beg          |
| Tabassum     | Niamat       |
| Nishat       | Riaz         |
| Mariam       | Ahmed        |
| M.Tauqeer    | Malik        |
| Kamran       | Butt         |
| Faria        | Ali          |
| Amaan        | Gilani       |
| Zahra        | Shah         |
| Naeem        | Qureshi      |
| Salman       | Madani       |
| Tariq        | Parvez       |
| Naveed       | Asghar       |
| Isha         | Hamid        |
| Nadia        | Aslam        |
| Saeeda       | Bhatti       |
| S Waqar      | Nabi         |
| Amjad        | Raza         |
| Fyeza        | Ikhlaq       |
| Naveed       | Asghar       |
| Moyra        | Boland       |
| Ammar        | Khan         |
| Bailie Hanif | Raja         |
| Farah        | Farzana      |
| Naveed       | Syed         |

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|                      | Syed  | Zahid Raza |  |
|                      | Sabah   | Aslam      |  |
|                      | Sadia   | Sohail     |  |
|                      | Mohammad  | Waseem     |  |
|                      | Syma  | Ahmed      |  |
|                      | Yusuf   | Qureshi    |  |
|                      | Muhammad  | Iftikhar   |  |
|                      | Shazia  | Babar      |  |
|                      | Qasim   | Hanif      |  |
|                      | Ali   | Haider     |  |
|                      | Hanzala   | Malik      |  |
|                      | Amjid   | Bashir     |  |
|                      | Farah   | Hamid      |  |
|                      | Hanzala   | Malik      |  |
|                      | Khalid  | Javid      |  |
|                      | Khazima   | Chaudhry   |  |
|                      | Azra  | Meadows    |  |
|                      | Jack  | Hillmeyer  |  |
|                      | Jacqueline  | Chalmers   |  |
|                      | Tehmina   | Mohammed   |  |
|                      | Sandy   | Sneddon    |  |
|                      | Irfan   | Younis     |  |
|                      | hamid   | Afzal      |  |
|                      | Tabassum  | Niamat     |  |
|                      | Muhammad  | Shakir     |  |
|                      | Pakistan  | Consulate  |  |
|                      | Jatin   | Haria      |  |
|                      | Khadija   | Mohammed   |  |
|                      | Nasir   | Jaffri     |  |
|                      | Hammad  | Beg        |  |
|                      | Sadia   | Ghani      |  |
|                      | Rana  | Naveed ALi |  |
|                      | Ali   | Imran      |  |
|                      | Jahangir  | Hanif      |  |
|                      | Naseem  | Anwar      |  |
| <b>Organisations</b> | University of Glasgow<br>Consulate of Pakistan<br>British Council<br>Scottish Pakistani Association<br>Church of Scotland |            |  |

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|  | <p>Amina Muslim Women’s Resource Centre<br/>         Scottish Ahle Sunnah Society<br/>         Scots Asians for Independence (SAFI) – SNP<br/>         British Pakistan Foundation<br/>         Glasgow Citizens Advice Bureau</p> |
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**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.

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| <b>Convener</b>        | Kaukab Stewart MSP |
| <b>Deputy Convener</b> | Sarah Boyack MSP   |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | Nadia Aslam        |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | n/a                |

**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**

**Convener Contact Details**

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| <b>Name</b> | Kaukab Stewart MSP |
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