

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on Palestine**

**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.)

7th October 2021

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

18th February 2025

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

27<sup>th</sup> February 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]

27th February 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.

**27th February 2024**

**Details: AGM and Presentation regarding recent ICJ rulings.  
Discussion regarding the issue of arms companies in Scotland.**

**MSP attendance: 5    Non-MSP attendance 25**

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Details: Presentation of UNRWA now and the Future**

**MSP attendance: 4 Non-MSP attendance: 18**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Details: Presentation of an overview of human rights and international humanitarian law issues in relation to the conflict in Gaza particularly in relation to the matter of UK arms sales to Israel from the UK and the part played by funding for arms companies from the Scottish Government.**

**MSP attendance: 3 Non-MSP attendance: 23**

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

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

**James Dornan**

**Pauline McNeil**

**Sarah Boyack**

**Maggie Chapman**

**Foysol Choudhury**

**Katy Clark**

**Ross Greer**

**Mercedes Villalba**

### **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**

Ousman Khan  
Maureen Jack  
Amy McNeese-Mechan  
Wael Shawish  
Rehan Ahmed Raza  
Zahir Haider  
Hala George  
Mike Orr  
Anne Alden  
Pat Bryden  
Anna Sardesai  
Phil Lucas  
David Beamish  
Carol Morton  
Allan Gordon  
Colin Cooper  
Jan Benvie  
Evelyn McGregor  
Azzam Mohamad  
Vicky McGraw  
Charles McGraw  
Jon Pullman  
Monica Spooner  
Roger Spooner  
Mike Whitehead  
Jock McDougal  
Susan Moffat  
Eurig Scandrett

	Jim Malone Douglas Brook John Badenhorst Phil Chetwynd Dr. Graham Watt Liz Elkind Frank Thomas Dorothy Thomas Peter McDade Roz Currie Karen Bett Asif Dean Chris Wigglesworth Josephine Doorley Lars Petersson Peter MacDonald Sofiah MacLeod Nadia El-Nakla Anita Shanley Denis Rutovitz Kate Aspinwall Khaled Khalil Tony Grahame Husam Freikh Riyadh Almasharqal Mohammed Elhams Jane Schonveld Kathleen Gibb Alison Waugh Mark Calder
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Emman El-Bahnassay  
Philippa Bonnella  
Michael Mineter  
Susan McGill  
Sandra Horne  
Tom Burnham  
Basia Gordon  
Shirley Melvin  
Halla Keir  
Rohan Talbot  
Craig Horne  
Isabella Gabrovsky  
Iina Jaara  
James Dornan MSP  
Maggie Chapman MSP  
Ross Greer MSP  
Mercedes Villalba MSP  
Sarah Boyack MSP  
Foyso Choudhury MSP  
Katy Clark  
Sandra burt  
Omar Shamma  
Dr. Bashier Oudeh.  
Gerry O'hare  
Sandra White  
Nadia El-Nakla  
claudia beamish  
j benvie  
hanna lyden  
  
Fergal Docherty

	Bushra Rariaz
<b>Organisations</b>	
<b>Group Office Bearers</b> <p>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.</p>	
<b>Convener</b>	All co-conveners
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Pauline McNeil MSP Maggie Chapman MSP Ivan McKee MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Chris White
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chris white
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b> <p>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.</p>	
<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER</b>	
<b>COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT</b> <b>(Please tick all boxes that apply)</b>	

**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

Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months

Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM

Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM

Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings

Provided minutes of all meetings

Signed

Maggie Chpman

Date

27/02/25