Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Please read Section 6 of the Code of Conduct before completing this form.

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics 1. Please state the purpose of the Group. *The purpose of the Cross Party Group on Rural Policy is to provide MSPs with a forum to discuss issues affecting rural Scotland and to propose policy-based solutions to address these matters.* 2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest. *This is necessary as it provides a cross-party, consensus-based forum for MSPs to hear from a variety of stakeholders, and to come up with solutions that are non-partisan and designed to inform government policy. The purpose is in the public interest because 97% of Scotland's land mass is classified as rural, and as such, it is legitimate that such a group should exist to help represent the views of rural communities in the Scottish Parliament.* 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. *We do not foresee any overlaps at this moment in time, as there are no current Cross Party Groups that have yet been confirmed and published on the Scottish Parliament website. Depending on what other Cross Party Groups are established or re-established, there may be some overlap on specific areas, however, our group will focus on the issues that we discuss exclusively through a rural lens.* 4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months. *Some of the initial topics that the group raised at the re-registration meeting included; addressing rural depopulation, access to rural bus services, rural healthcare and growing the rural economy.*

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MSP Members of the Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group. In doing so please note:

- Section 6 of the Code of Conduct requires there be 5 members from the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau. The SPPA Committee agreed a waiver for this session that requires 5 MSP members from 5 parties represented on the Bureau;
- MSPs can be on no more than 10 CPGs of which fulfil no more than 3 office-bearer positions;
- If the group fails to comply with MSP membership requirements, the Convener must ensure this is resolved within 90 days.

MSP	Party
Tim Eagle	*Scottish Conservative and Unionist*
Finlay Carson	*Scottish Conservative and Unionist*
Craig Hoy	*Scottish Conservative and Unionist*
Emma Roddick	*SNP*
Dawn Black	*SNP*
Jenni Minto	*SNP*
Lloyd Melville	*SNP*
David Green	*Scottish Liberal Democrat*
Andrew Baxter	*Scottish Liberal Democrat*
Yi-pei Chou Turvey	*Scottish Liberal Democrat*
Helen McDade	*Reform UK*
Jamie Langan	*Reform UK*
Max Bannerman	*Reform UK*
Kim Schmulian	*Reform UK*
Donald MacKinnon	*Scottish Labour*

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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	
Organisations	*Scottish Land and Estates* *National Farmers Union Scotland* *Agricultural Industries Confederation* *BASC Scotland* *Scottish Crofting Federation* *RSABI* *Horticultural Trades Association* *Quality Meat Scotland* *Confor* *RHASS* *Community Land Scotland* *Scottish Fishermen's Federation* *SRUC* *Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs* *Scotland's National CLLD Network*
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. Please note:	

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• No more than 3 named contacts per CPG - the Convener, the Secretary and one other individual who can provide information to the Standards Clerks about the activities of the Group. The Convener of a Group must confirm the name of this individual.

Convener	*Tim Eagle MSP*
Deputy Conveners	*Jamie Langan MSP and Andrew Baxter MSP*
Secretary	*Cameron Gillies, Scottish Land and Estates*
Named Contact	*Daniel McCroskrie*

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 annual cost of support from our secretariat has an estimated value of £500 per annum.

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.

None

Statement on Compliance with the Code of Conduct. Must be read and signed by the Convener.

Please read the following:

- The Convener of a Group is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with the Code of Conduct;
- The Convener is solely responsible for providing Standards Clerks with:

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- The names of new MSP members of the CPG and changes to office-bearers;
- Named contact details;
- The registration form;
- All minutes of meetings within 30 days of the meeting being held; **(Substantially verbatim minutes will not be accepted and will be returned)**
- The AGM return (to be submitted within 30 days of the AGM to be held within 11 – 13 months of the initial meeting).

- Groups are required to have five MSPs from five of the parties represented on the Parliamentary Bureau;
- CPGs must hold at least two formal meetings per year (not on the same day), where two MSPs members of the Group are present;
- CPGs must provide Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings;
- If a CPG meeting is cancelled or rearranged, notification must be provided to the Standards clerks by no later than the day after the meeting was originally scheduled to take place;
- If a Group fails to comply fully with the Code for more than one year in a row, the Committee will withdraw recognition from that Group.

I declare that I have read the above and that the Cross-Party Group on Rural Policy is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed (Convener)	
Date	*28/10/2026*

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