

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on Tourism**

**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.)

25 October 2021

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

9 December 2024

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

December 2024

**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]

13 November 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.

18 March 2024

- Topic: museums

- Presentations: Museums Galleries Scotland and Perth Museum
- Attendance: 5 MSPs, 29 non-MSPs

23 September 2024

- Topic: DMOs
- Presentations: VisitArran and VisitAberdeenshire
- Attendance: 3 MSPs, 17 non-MSPs

9 December 2024

- Topic: visitor levy
- Presentations: City of Edinburgh Council and VisitScotland
- Attendance, 4 MSPs, 40 non-MSPs

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

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

Evelyn Tweed MSP, Scottish National Party  
 Murdo Fraser MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
 Colin Smyth MSP, Scottish Labour  
 Rachael Hamilton MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
 Emma Harper MSP, Scottish National Party  
 Audrey Nicol MSP, Scottish National Party  
 Alexander Burnett MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
 Foyso Choudhury MSP, Scottish Labour  
 Paul Sweeney MSP, Scottish Labour  
 Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
 Karen Adam MSP, Scottish National Party

### **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**

Air BnB  
 ASSC

ASVA  
British Holiday & Home Parks Association (BHHPA)  
Carey Tourism  
Chambers of Commerce  
Coruisk House  
Cruise Lines International Association  
Diageo  
Edinburgh College  
EICC  
Expedia  
Glasgow Chamber of Commerce  
Heritage Railway Association  
Historic Environment Scotland  
Hostelling Scotland  
Inverclyde Council  
Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP  
Loch Melfort Hotel  
Love Loch Lomond  
Napier University  
NewsDirect  
National Trust for Scotland  
Paths for All  
Scotch Whisky Association  
ScotRail  
Scottish Agritourism  
Scottish B&B Association  
Scottish Chambers of Commerce  
Scottish Country Sports Tourism Group  
Scottish Destination Management Association  
Scottish Enterprise  
Scottish Guest House and B&B Association

Scottish Land & Estates  
Scottish Licenced Trade Association  
Scottish Retail Consortium  
Scottish Tourist Guides Association  
Scottish Golf Tourism Development Group  
SenScot  
Skills Development Scotland  
SLAED Tourism Group  
Springboard  
SSDA  
STA  
Stirling Council  
The National Lottery Heritage Fund  
UK Chinese Times  
UK Hospitality  
UK Short Term Accommodation Association  
UKInbound  
University of Strathclyde  
Visit Arran  
VisitAberdeenshire  
VisitDunfermline  
VisitScotland  
Wild About Argyll  
Wild Scotland  
Wilderness Scotland  
Winnock Hotel

### **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-convener or multiple deputy conveners.

**Convener**

Evelyn Tweed MSP

**Deputy Convener**

Colin Smyth MSP  
Murdo Fraser MSP

**Secretary**

Beth Thoms, VisitScotland

**Treasurer**

Scott McMurray, office of Evelyn Tweed MSP

### **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.**

**N/A**

### **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 Tourism 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		<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	Evelyn Tweed	
Date	07/01/25	