

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on the Wood Panel Industry
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.)
2 February 2022
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
21 June 2023
Date Annual Return Submitted
27 June 2023
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]
2 February 2022
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.

Official CPG Meetings

15 June 2022

Wood Panel CPG Meeting w/ Scottish Forestry

Discussion points:

1. Guest Speaker, Dave Signorini - Chief Executive, Scottish Forestry gave a presentation on Scottish Forestry's work to deliver increased forestry investment
2. Question and Answer session with CPG members

Attendees:

5 MSP Attendees

7 non-MSP Attendees

7 November 2022

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Discussion points:

1. Review of work programme and ministerial engagement
2. Discuss correspondence and next steps

Attendees:

6 MSP Attendees

6 non-MSP Attendees

Additional CPG Work - Meetings

28 November 2023

Expert Working Group - Parliamentary Chairs meeting

Discussion Points:

1. Opportunity for the Chair of the Cross Parliamentary Expert Working Group to meet the Parliamentary Chairs.
2. The Parliamentary Chairs discussed their ambitions for the Expert Working Group report and the times and locations for holding meetings with members of the industry to exchange policy recommendations for UK forestry.

Attendees:

1 MSP Attendee

1 MP Attendee

1 MS Attendee

5 non-MSP Attendees

6 February 2023

Scottish Expert Working Group Meeting

Discussion Points:

1. General policy discussion to inform the Fourth Edition of the Expert Working Group Report for the Wood Panel Industry.

Attendees:

2 MSP Attendees

8 non-MSP Attendees

29 March 2023

Draft Expert Working Group Report Review

Discussion Points:

1. To present the first draft of the Fourth Edition of the Expert Working Group report and to receive feedback from Parliamentary Members.

Attendees:

1 MSP Attendee

1 MP Attendee

1 MS Attendee

8 non-MSP Attendees

Additional CPG Work - Reports

The Fourth edition of the Expert Working Group for the Wood Panel Industry has brought together Parliamentarians from Westminster, Holyrood and the Senedd in an effort for cross-border collaboration to bring a coherent and consistent approach to forestry policy and the needs of the Wood Panel Industry across mainland Great Britain.

The report highlights the economic and environmental benefits of the wood panel industry and provides policy recommendations for Governments across the UK to address the insecurity of wood supply which, at present, is limiting the industry to meeting only 65% of UK demand for their products.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Fergus Ewing, Scottish National Party
 Stephen Kerr, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Colin Smyth, Scottish Labour Party
 Emma Harper, Scottish National Party
 Evelyn Tweed, Scottish National Party
 Finlay Carson, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Jim Fairlie, Scottish National Party
 Maurice Golden, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Sharon Dowey, Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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

n/a

Organisations

The Wood Panel Industries Federation
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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.

Convener

Fergus Ewing MSP

Deputy Convener

Stephen Kerr MSP
 Colin Smyth MSP

Secretary	The Wood Panel Industries Federation
Treasurer	n/a
<p>If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).</p>	
<p>Subscription Charged by the Group</p> <p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
<p>The Group will receive secretariat support via the Wood Panel Industries Federation. It is anticipated that the cumulative value of this support will exceed the £500 threshold for the coming calendar year.</p> <p>A maximum budget of £10,000.00 has been allocated for the provision of secretariat support for the coming calendar year, based on an expectation of 4 to 5 meetings being held.</p>	
<p>Convener Contact Details</p>	
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