

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group**

**Cross-Party Group on**

**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)**

19 May 2025

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

30 May 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]

17 June 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.

**CPG Meeting - 7th May 2025**

### **Discussion Points**

- The Health of the Scottish Timber Industry
- The state of Scottish Forestry
- CBI Economics Report on the Economic Contribution of the Wood Panel Industry in the UK

10 MSP in attendance

10 non-MSPs in attendance

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

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

Fergus Ewing MSP, Scottish National Party  
Sharon Dowey MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Colin Smyth MSP, Scottish Labour Party  
Elena Whitham MSP, Scottish National Party  
Emma Roddick MSP, SNP  
Stephen Kerr MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Emma Harper MSP, Scottish National Party  
Evelyn Tweed MSP, Scottish National Party  
Finlay Carson MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party  
Maurice Golden MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist

### **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.

<b>Individuals</b>	N/A
<b>Organisations</b>	Wood Panel Industries Federation

### **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.

<b>Convener</b>	Fergus Ewing MSP	
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Elena Whitham MSP Colin Smyth MSP Sharon Dowey MSP	
<b>Secretary</b>	The Wood Panel Industries Federation	
<b>Treasurer</b>	N/A	
<b>Financial Benefits or Other Benefits</b> 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		
<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 11-13 months 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	Fergus Ewing MSP
Date	30/05/2025