

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Deafness

**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.)

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

**11/06/2014**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**29 June 2015**

### 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.

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Attendees:

2 MSPs and 20 non MSPs

Items discussed:

BSL (Scotland) Bill

NDCS – Close The Gap Report

Access to Work  
Captioning in Theatre, Cinema and on TV

### **13<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Attendees: 2 MSPs and 27 non MSPs

Items discussed:  
Lipreading Strategy  
Communication Support for CPG meetings  
Close The Gap – Operational Update

### **4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 Joint meeting with the Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment**

Attendees: 5 MSPs and 64 non MSPs

Items discussed:  
BSL (Scotland) Bill  
Equality, Access and Inclusive Communication  
Joint Sensory Impairment Strategy: See Hear

### **11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Attendees: 1 MSP and 22 non-MSPs

Items discussed:  
Access to Work and Personal Independence Payment  
BSL(Scotland) Bill  
Lipreading Strategy

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Jenny Marra – Labour  
Dennis Robertson – SNP  
Mark Griffin – Labour  
James Dornan – SNP  
Liam McArthur – Liberal Democrats  
Nanette Milne – Conservative  
Nigel Don - SNP

## 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	Bert Smale
Organisations	Action on Hearing Loss ATLA - Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults BATOD - The British Association of Teachers of the Deaf British Deaf Association Scotland Deaf Action Deaf Connections Deaf Links Deafblind Scotland Donaldson's School Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Link Heriot-Watt University NDCS – National Deaf Children's Society NESS – North East Sensory Services RCSLT – Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists SASLI - Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters Scottish Council on Deafness - SCoD Scottish Sensory Centre Signature Tayside Deaf Forum University of Edinburgh

## 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	Jenny Marra
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Deputy Convener	Dennis Robertson and Mark Griffin
Secretary	SCoD
Treasurer	

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

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).

Cost per meeting:

SCoD Secretariat £360 X 4 meetings = £1,440 approx

Interpreters £160 x 4 plus travel & VAT - £1,250 approx

Notetakers - £60 x 4 plus travel and VAT - £375 approx

Total: Per annum is £3,000 approx

**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

N/A

**CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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