

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Racial Equality in Scotland

**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.)

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**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]

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**15th November 2014**

### 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.

#### **Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Attendance: 2 MSPs, 18 non MSPs

AGM –annual report for 2012/13 approved; Office Bearers elected (Bob Doris MSP Convenor, Hanzala Malik MSP and Jamie McGrigor MSP Vice-Convenors), Jatin

Haria, CRER, Secretariat;

Guest Speaker: Shona Robison MSP, Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport (with Ministerial responsibility for equality) was scheduled to deliver a presentation on equality and the independence white paper but had been unable to attend. The meeting agreed to carry this discussion forward to the next meeting.

A general discussion took place on forthcoming legislation, including on the community empowerment bill.

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were agreed as an accurate record.

Items raised under 'any other business' included discussions on sickle cell, increasing political representation at CPG meetings and on the new network for minority ethnic women that was being launched in the coming days.

### **Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 19 non MSPs

Guest Speakers: Shona Robison MSP, Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport (with Ministerial responsibility for equality), and Lesley Musa (Scottish Government Equality Unit) were in attendance and spoke about how race equality issues had been embedded in the Independence White Paper and on the forthcoming SG Race Equality Statement.

Discussion on the Race Equality Statement continued after the speakers had left, and the CPG agreed to write to the Minister to seek an update on progress from the previous Statement, information on how the Statement's goals would be resourced and to seek opportunities for parliamentary scrutiny of the new proposals.

A general discussion took place on forthcoming legislation, and the CRER response to the community empowerment bill was noted. Jackie Baillie invited members to contact her with views on the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill and a discussion was held on issues around the UK Immigration Bill's potential impact in Scotland.

An update on European-wide activity that was taking place to mark UN Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was given.

### **Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

The meeting scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014 had to be cancelled at short notice due to a last minute change in the Parliamentary timetable that meant that the full Parliament was sitting till late into this evening.

### **Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

Attendance: 4 MSPs, 18 non MSPs

AGM –annual report for 2013/14 approved in principle; Office Bearers elected (Bob

Doris MSP Convenor, Hanzala Malik MSP and Jamie McGrigor MSP Vice-Convenors), Jatin Haria, CRER, Secretariat;

Guest Speakers: Hakim Din and David Watt, Education Scotland, and Rami Okasha, Care Inspectorate spoke about how equality concerns are reflected in their work as inspection bodies.

Guest Speaker Khalida Hussain (VAF) presented information about the Scottish Government equality fund, which is managed by VAF.

A paper was presented with some current and future key policy/legislative issues; this would be used throughout the coming year to assist the CPG to focus its activities.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Bob Doris, SNP

Hanzala Malik, Labour

Jamie McGrigor, Conservative

Clare Adamson, SNP

Patrick Harvie, Green

Jackie Baillie, Labour

Claudia Beamish, Labour

### **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

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights  
Council for Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations (Scotland)  
West of Scotland Regional Equality Council  
Frae Fife  
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance  
Black Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland  
Score Scotland  
Trust Housing Association  
EHRC Scotland  
STUC Black Workers Committee

	Thai Women's Association of Scotland SEMPER Scotland Stirling Multicultural Partnership MECOPP Migrants Rights Scotland Voices of Experience (VoX) Waverley Care African Health Project Glasgow Life Sikh Sanjog Scottish Youth Parliament Roshni
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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	Bob Doris MSP
Deputy Convener	Hanzala Malik MSP Jamie McGrigor MSP
Secretary	Jatin Haria, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights
Treasurer	n/a

**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).

28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 £166.80

18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 £154.80

19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 £ invoice awaited

Payments made by CRER to Sodexo Ltd. at the Scottish Parliament for meeting refreshments

Secretarial support from staff at CRER – estimate at 7 hours per meeting at an average cost of around £150 per meeting – £3,150

Total support provided by CRER including financial and material benefits: £3,471.60

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

Nil

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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