

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Rail
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.)
5th November 2013
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
25th 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]
5th November 2013
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
19th December 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.
4th March 2014: Meeting Attendance: 4 MSPs & 24 non-MSPs. A presentation from Alan Sharkey of Network Rail which included a comprehensive overview of Network Rail's work in Scotland. Several questions were asked on a

variety of subjects. Q&A followed.

13th May 2014: Meeting

Attendance: 4 MSPs & 20 non-MSPs.

Richard Carr, Development Manager at the Stranraer to Ayr Line Support Association, provided an extensive presentation on the work and aspirations of SAYLSA. Q&A followed.

In the absence of Ian Richard who was currently on holiday, Bill Forbes provided an extensive presentation on the work and aspirations of RailQwest with a particular focus on Cross Rail.

17th June 2014: Meeting

Attendance: 6 MSPs & 26 non-MSPs.

Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport, delivered a report on the status of Scottish rail travel and answered questions for the members of the group.

25th November 2014: Meeting

Attendance: 2 MSPs & 18 non-MSPs.

Martin McKinlay from Transport Scotland delivered a presentation on on future Scottish railway matters of interest. This was followed by a Q&A and the group's AGM.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

John Mason (SNP)
Neil Bibby (Labour)
Graeme Dey (SNP)
Hugh Henry (Labour)
Patrick Harvie (Scottish Greens)
John Finnie (Independent)
Richard Simpson (Labour),
James Kelly (Labour)
Liz Smith (Conservative)
Bob Doris (SNP), Willie Coffey (SNP)
Richard Lyle (SNP)
Mark Griffin (Labour),
Margaret McDougall (Labour)
Mary Fee (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

Norrie Innes,
Allan McLean

Organisations

Abellio ScotRail
Campaign for Borders Rail
First Group
Capital Rail Action Group
Friends of the Far North Lines
Keith Robson Consultancy
LevenMouth Rail Campaign
Light Rail Transit Association
Network Rail
Pagoda PR
Passenger Focus
Rail Action Group East of Scotland
Rail Future (Scotland)
RailQwest
Rock DCM
RMT
SAYLSA
Scottish Chambers of Commerce
SESTRANS
Siemens
Starlink

	Stephen Young & Associates Strathclyde Partnership for Transport TACTRAN Transform Scotland Transport Scotland. WestCoast Rail 250 .
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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.

Co-Conveners	John Mason MSP, Neil Bibby MSP.
Secretary	Allan McLean

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).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

None.

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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