

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

**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.)

**24 April 2012**

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

**5 February 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]**

**6 February 2014**

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

**18 March 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.

8 May 2014 – 20 in attendance including 4 MSPs. The meeting received a presentation from Professor Muffy Calder, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Scottish Government. Professor Calder gave a wide ranging talk on the areas that she and the Scottish Science Advisory Council provided advice to the Scottish Government on, which included topics such as: energy; the role of GM crops; science education; and investment in science. A Q & A session followed.

12 November 2014 – Three members of the Cross Party Group took part in a debate at the annual Science and the Parliament event held at Our Dynamic Earth and hosted by the Royal Society of Chemistry. Other members of the Group attend the event in the course of the day.

28 January 2015 – Nine people attended a presentation by Ronnie Palin of Skills Development Scotland, including one MSP. A presentation was given on the work of Skills Development Scotland in developing skills in the chemical sciences sector, which is the second largest exporting industry in Scotland. It had been intended for this to also be the AGM of the Group, however as only one MSP was present this was not possible, so a meeting to deal with AGM business only was arranged to follow.

5 February 2015 – Seven attended, including six MSPs to deal with AGM business. The office bearer positions were filled and the Group considered topics for the year ahead. It was agreed that there should be a meeting in May on the topic of fracking, considering all aspects of the topic.

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

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

Elaine Murray (Labour)  
Claire Adamson (SNP)  
Liam McArthur (Liberal Democrat)  
Iain Gray (Labour)  
Patrick Harvie (Green)  
Nanette Milne (Conservative)  
Nigel Don (SNP)  
Drew Smith (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

Organisations

Royal Society of Edinburgh  
Royal Society of Chemistry  
Institute of Physics  
Society of Biology

	Universities Scotland Scottish Resource Centre for Women in STEM Association for Science Education University of Edinburgh SSERC Selex Galileo University of Glasgow Cogent
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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	Elaine Murray and Claire Adamson
Deputy Convener	Liam McArthur and Iain Gray
Secretary	Bristow Muldoon (Royal Society of Edinburgh & Royal Society of Chemistry)
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.

The Group received catering support of under £250 from the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Royal Society of Chemistry. Secretarial support was also

received from both Societies. Combining the in kind secretarial support with the catering costs is estimated to represent total support of £1000.

### **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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