

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross Party Group on The Caribbean
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2011
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2013
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>
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.
<b>27.03.13</b>  Meeting which included presentations from the High Commissioners from Jamaica, St Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominica and Antigua & Barbuda. There was a presentation on the Celtic Festival Barbados and representatives from Virgin Atlantic talked about their new routes within the UK. Scottish company Isocon talked about its business carrying bulk whisky to Jamaica for distribution within the Caricom States.  MSP (2), Non-MSP (24)
<b>25.06.13</b>  This meeting was also the AGM where office bearers were elected. The forward plan for 2014 was discussed with a focus on the Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow 2014, with delegations expected from the Caribbean Countries. Margaret Mitchell MSP reported on her role as an independent Election Observer in the Cayman Islands. There was general discussion about the CPG's purpose and future business, with particular input from Jane Gotts from the Scottish Council Development and Industry. There was also an update on May 2013 Celtic Festival Barbados.  MSP (4), Non-MSP (10)
<b>MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP</b>

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Margaret Mitchell

Linda Fabiani

Annabelle Ewing

David Stewart

Tavish Scott

Sandra White

Jamie McGregor

### **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

Anne Mearns

Beverly Johnson

Carol Anderson

David Mathewson

Duncan Turnbull

Geoff Palmer

Ian Gittens

JP Cumberbatch

Laurence Jones

Mark Lawson

Michael Kane

Paulette Simpson

Raymond Khan

Victoria Lee

Organisations

African and Caribbean Network

Barrhead Travel

The Caribbean Council

Celtic Festival Barbados

	<p>The Scottish Council for Development and Industry</p> <p>The Scottish Passenger Agents Association (SPAA)</p> <p>The Scotch Whisky Association</p> <p>Virgin Atlantic</p> <p>Visit Barbados</p>
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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	Margaret Mitchell MSP
Deputy Conveners	Linda Fabiani MSP; Professor Geoff Palmer
Secretary	Carol Anderson
Treasurer	Professor Geoff Palmer

### 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.

Not applicable

### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

A subscription fee of £5 per person is charged to cover the cost of refreshments at meetings.

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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