

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Deafness
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (the date of establishment is the date that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition)
29 June 2011
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
11th 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>11<sup>th</sup> September 2012</b> Attendees: 2 MSPs and 15 Non-MSP attendees. Items discussed: Lipreading tutors Commonwealth Games Cochlear implants BSL Bill update Welfare reform
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December 2012.</b> Attendees: 4 MSPs and 22 Non-MSP attendees. Items discussed: Presentation (x2) – Principles of Inclusive Communication Welfare Reform BSL Bill Update Campaign for access to mental health services for deaf children

Reform of CPG's

Expenses

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Attendees: 2 MSPs and 15 Non-MSP attendees.

Items discussed:

BSL Bill update

Welfare Reform

Sensory Impairment Strategy

Accessibility of 'Parliament Day'

Campaign for access to mental health services for deaf children

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

Attendees: 2 MSPs and 22 Non-MSP attendees.

Items discussed:

Campaign for access to mental health services for deaf children

Update on BSL Bill

Welfare reform

Presentation - Deaf Education

Funding cuts

Election of new office bearers.

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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.

Jenny Marra MSP

Dennis Robertson MSP

Annabelle Ewing MSP

Mark Griffin MSP

Nanette Milne MSP

Liam McArthur MSP

Richard Simpson MSP

James Dornan MSP

Nigel Don MSP

**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	
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Organisations	British Association of Teachers of the Deaf British Deaf association Scotland Council for the Advancement of Communication with Deaf People Deafblind Scotland Forum of Providers of Social Work services in Scotland RNID Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters Scottish Council on Deafness Scottish course to Train Tutors Lip-reading Scottish Sensory Centre Sense Scotland
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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	Jenny Marra MSP
Deputy Convener	Dennis Robertson MSP
Secretary	
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.

### **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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