

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME <i>Code of Conduct 6.2.4</i>	
Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title <i>Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament</i> .	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy	
2. DATE GROUP APPROVED	3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT
25 th Oct 2011	16 th Oct 2012
4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES	
For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).	
28 th Sept 2011: Rural Development and Rural Policy in Scotland (Attendance: 29, including 7 MSPs)	
7 th Dec 2011: Rural Broadband (Attendance: 31, including 4 MSPs)	
7 th March 2012: Low Carbon Rural Economy (Attendance: 40, including 8 MSPs)	
6 th June 2012: Rural-urban linkages and the role of small towns (Attendance: 30, including 5 MSPs)	
5. GROUP MEMBERS <i>Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8</i>	
When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.	
MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
Jamie McGrigor Claire Baker Dr Richard Simpson Sarah Boyack Graeme Dey Nigel Don Alex Fergusson Rhoda Grant Jim Hume Duncan McNeil Elaine Murray John Scott Aileen McLeod Annabelle Ewing David Stewart	Colette Backwell Heather Cassidy Gary Cocker Kirsteen Currie Gillian Gillies Stephanie Graf Kim Karam Barbara Kelly Marianne Mitchelson Pat Neeson
	Organisations

	<p> Aberdeen University Archaeology Scotland BIG Lottery Buccleuch Estates, Selkirkshire Cairngorms National Park Cairngorms National Park Authority Carnegie Trust UK Centre for Mountain Studies University of Highlands & Islands Centre for Remote and Rural Studies University of Highlands & Islands CMS, UHI Community Land Scotland CRH, UHI Crofters Commission Crown Estate Scotland D&G Small Communities Housing Trust Development Trusts Association Scotland Dot Rural Aberdeen University Dumfries and Galloway Council Dumfries and Galloway LEADER Dyke Freeland Writer (Scottish Field magazine) East Lothian Council Eco-Schools Scotland Empowerment & Renewal SG Forestry Commission Foundation for Rural Sustainability HIE High Life Highland (formerly of HIE) Highland Council Highlands and Islands Enterprise James Hutton Institute Land Reform Review Group Lets Live Local Lews Castle College University of Highlands and Islands National Farmers Union for Scotland Newcastle University North Highland Initiative OECD Pagoda PR RESAS Scottish Government Resource Management RSPB Rural Development Council Rural Housing Service Rural Innovation </p>
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	Scottish Borders Council Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations Scottish Countryside Alliance Scottish Crofting Federation Scottish Enterprise Scottish Environment Protection Agency Scottish Government Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Natural Heritage SEPA Soil Association South of Scotland Next Generation Broadband Project SRUC The Crown Estate Thirdwave Tods Murray LLP Trustee of Soirbheas Ltd (community wind farm charity) UHI University of St Andrews Upper Quartile Whitehill Design Studios
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6. GROUP OFFICERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4*

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

Co-Conveners	Alex Fergusson MSP Graeme Dey MSP Elaine Murray MSP Jim Hume MSP
Secretariat	Rural Policy Centre, SAC

7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED *Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10*

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
2011-12	£4254.59	Staff time for SAC staff (Jane Atterton and Sarah Skerratt)
	£251.65	Hospitality for speakers following meetings
	£15.16	Other misc expenses (equipment, taxi fare and car parking)
	£4521.40	Total Group expenses 2011-12

8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9*

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

Amount per group member per year	Not Applicable
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Date subscription applied	Not Applicable
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9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

Staff name	Not Applicable
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Title of post	
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Name and address of employer organisation	
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Type of employer organisation	
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10. GROUP CONTACT *Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4*

Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.

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