

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Oil & Gas
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
<b>12 October 2016</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>16 October 2017</b>
<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<sup>th</sup> September 2017:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topic: AGM &amp; Industry Update.</li><li>• 5 MSPs, 18 non-MSPs in attendance</li><li>• Adam Davey, Market Intelligence Manager for Oil and Gas UK discussed the findings from the Oil &amp; Gas UK Economic Report which was launched earlier in the month.</li></ul>

- Questions from the session covered industry outlook, industry efficiency, the supply chain, the UK tax regime, mergers and acquisitions and Brexit.

#### **26<sup>th</sup> April 2017:**

- Topic: Skills Simplification & EJTF
- 5 MSPs, 22 non-MSPs in attendance
- Emily Taylor from Step Change in Safety gave an introduction to Step Change in Safety and briefed on their work with ECITB to deliver the STQA project, one which is looking to simplify skills standards across the industry.
- Neil Pickering from Wood Group discussed the problem of variations in training requirements, looking at raising levels of technical competence assurance and maximising resource efficiency while removing unnecessary training and assessment amongst the offshore workforce.
- David Rennie from Scottish Enterprise also provided an update as to the work of the Energy Jobs Taskforce.
- Questions covered topics such as how the pilot scheme will be reviewed, concerns over duplication of training, workforce engagement and learning from other sectors, skills retention and gender balance.

#### **14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

- Topic: The OGTC
- 2 MSPs, 15 non-MSPs in attendance
- Colette Cohen, from the Oil and Gas Technology Centre started with the context of the industry and went on to discuss the innovation hub shortly being launched which will have a focus on collaboration and learning by bringing industry together to learn from one another. Other areas of discussion were the changing energy landscape, the need for an integrated energy policy, the value of oil and gas and the role of technology on the sector going forward.
- The Question and Answer session covered such issues as; the adoption of new technology; barriers to uptake; how technology would impact upon jobs in the industry; decommissioning; industry skills and small pools.

#### **14<sup>th</sup> September 2016:**

- Topic: Workforce Engagement
- 5 MSPs, 18 non-MSPs in attendance
- Dr Alix Thom, Workforce Engagement & Skills Manager for Oil & Gas UK discussed the low morale due to the global downturn in the industry as well as the recent industrial dispute and the offshore issues. Dr Thom went on to discuss the work of the Efficiency Taskforce to produce an industry behaviours charter and how existing mechanisms could hopefully be used to improve industry-wide workforce engagement. Allan Smillie, Telecommunications Technical Authority and Safety Rep, TAQA, who had previously won the Award for Workforce Engagement at the Offshore Safety Awards 2016 discussed his industry case study.
- The Question and Answer session covered such issues as; the Efficiency Task Force; job losses; union engagement; industry standardisation and the Energy Jobs Taskforce.

## MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Alexander Burnett, Conservative

Lewis Macdonald, Labour

Gillian Martin, SNP

Tavish Scott, Lib Dem

Jenny Marra, Labour

Liam Kerr, Conservative

Liam McArthur, Lib Dem

Stewart Stevenson, SNP

## 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

N/A

Organisations

Oil & Gas UK – Secretariat  
Airbus Helicopters  
AMEC Group  
BEIS  
BIG Partnership  
BP Exploration Operating Company Limited  
Centrica Energy Upstream  
Chevron Upstream Limited  
CNR International (UK) Ltd  
Cogna Limited  
Control Valve Solutions  
Dana Petroleum plc  
Decom North Sea  
Edinburgh University  
Energy UK Limited  
EnQuest PLC  
Heriot Watt University  
Leavingham Chalmers LLP  
Maersk Oil North Sea UK Limited  
Met Office  
Nexen Petroleum UK  
Oil and Gas Authority  
OPITO  
Petrofac  
Pinsent Masons

	Price Waterhouse Coopers QuEnSH Specialists Limited Rail Maritime and Transport Workers Robert Gordon University SCDI (Scottish Council Development and Industry) Scotland Office Scottish Enterprise Scottish Energy News Scottish Government Shell U.K. Exploration and Production Skills Development Scotland Spae Consulting Statoil UK Ltd Step Change in Safety Stork Ltd Repsol Sinopec Resources UK Unite Total E&P UK Limited Weber Shandwick Which? Wood Mackenzie
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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	Alexander Burnett, Lewis Macdonald, Gillian Martin, Tavish Scott
Deputy Convener	
Secretary	Rebecca Groundwater, Oil & Gas UK
Treasurer	Rebecca Groundwater, Oil & Gas UK

**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).

Estimate hospitality for meetings to be around £1000 per annum, provided by Oil & Gas UK.  
Estimate secretarial support from Oil & Gas UK to be around £450 per annum for meetings

### **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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