

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Scottish Horseracing & Bloodstock Industries

**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.)

26<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [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]

n/a

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

### 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.

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 (Present: 3 MSPs; 8 non MSPs)

Update from the British Horseracing Authority on the importance of Scottish horseracing within the racing community in Britain and internationally, with a situation report following the announcement from the DCMS regarding the Levy rate.

Update from the Association of British Bookmakers re- how the two sectors of the industry work together and efforts to promote responsible gambling.

28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Present: 2 MSPs; 2 non MSPs)

Update from the Racing Manager of Hamilton Park Racecourse on how equine welfare is paramount to all Scottish racecourses, and is the over-riding priority for all those involved with the staging of the sport.

21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2017 – AGM (Present: 3 MSPs; 2 non MSPs)

Update from the Trustee of Racing to School and Chair of Racing Together. The education charity, Racing To School, engages young people at racing-related venues by delivering free outdoor learning activities for young people at racecourses, studs and trainers' yards across the country. Racing Together co-ordinates, supports, represents and measures British racing's community engagement activity, when helping the communities in which the sport operates.

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

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

- Miles Briggs MSP – Con
- John Scott MSP – Con
- Rachael Hamilton MSP – Con
- Neil Bibby MSP – Lab
- Clare Haughey MSP – 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	
Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scottish Racing</li><li>• Association of British Bookmakers</li></ul>

### **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	Miles Briggs MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP Rachael Hamilton MSP
Secretary	Scottish Racing
Treasurer	Scottish Racing

### 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).

### 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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