

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Aviation

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.)

15/11/2023

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

13/11/2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

31/12/2024

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

15/11/2023

Group Meetings and Activities

20th March 2024 (Meeting at Scottish Meeting at Scottish Parliament and via Zoom

Attendance: 5 MPSs, 15 Non-MSPs

This meeting was devoted to the Presentation by Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Fiona Hyslop which related to Infrastructure & Connectivity in response to the group's report produced by the CPG on the

Recovery of Sustainable Aviation, Travel & Tourism in Scotland which had been sent to both Westminster and the Scottish Government.

Good discussion followed in relation to the expected Aviation Statement and what it might include.

15 November 2024 (Meeting at Scottish Meeting at Scottish Parliament and via Zoom

Attendance: 5 MPSs, 18 Non-MSPs

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.

The meeting was focused on Sustainable Aviation with presentations on progress with decarbonisation of aviation and the use of alternative aircraft and fuels such as SAF, Hydrogen and electric.

Presentations from Simon Newitt from Heart Aerospace and Luke Farajallah from Loganair – “Reducing emissions in Scotland through hybrid electric flight”.

This was followed by Jayne Golding from Sustainable Aviation Test Environment who talked about “Delivering Sustainable Regional Aviation and Improved Connectivity for the Highlands and Islands”.

AGM followed to elect conveners and secretariat for the group for the following year and minutes of the AGM from the previous year were approved. Graham Simpson and Daniel Johnson were approved as Co-Chairs for the next 12 months and Janice Hogarth to continue as Secretary.

N/A

MSP Members of The Group

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

Graham Simpson Conservative

Sharon Dowey Conservative

Brian Whittle Conservative

Daniel Johnson Labour

Fergus Ewing SNP

Michelle Thomson Labour

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

Abigail Fletcher – parliamentary adviser

Organisations

SPAA Scottish Passenger Agents' Association/
ABTA
AOA Airline Operators Association
Airlines UK
Edinburgh Airports
AGS Airports (representing Aberdeen & Glasgow
Airport
Scottish Chamber of Commerce
Barrhead Travel
NATS
UKinbound
Loganair
Easyjet
IAG Group (British Airways)
BARUK (Board of Airline Representatives in UK
ADS Group

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	Graham Simpson & Daniel Johnson – Co Conveners
Deputy Convener	See above
Secretary	Janice Hogarth
Treasurer	N/A

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving 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.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER

**COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT
(Please tick all boxes that apply)**

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	Yes
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	Yes
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	Yes

Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM		
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings		Yes
Provided minutes of all meetings		Yes
Signed		
Date		