

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Construction

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.)

8 September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

6 November 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

19 November 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]

25 October 2023

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.

25th October 2023. Meeting in the Scottish Parliament. The Group heard from Scottish Water on their ambitious target of reaching net zero by 2040. Scottish Water shared real-life examples of how they as a major client of construction have reduced or removed carbon from the construction process.

3 MSPs in attendance

20 non-MSPs in attendance

24th January 2024. Meeting held online. Peter Reekie of the Scottish Futures Trust and Morag Angus from the Scottish Government presented about the Transformation Action Plan of the Scottish Construction Accord.

2 MSPs in attendance

27 non-MSPs in attendance

9th May 2024. Meeting in the Scottish Parliament. There was a joint presentation from Richard Park of Hub North Scotland, Paul McGirk of Hub South East and Angeline Robertson of Hub West on the Scotland wide Hub initiative.

1 MSP in attendance

16 non-MSPS in attendance

6 November 2024. The CPG received a presentation from Gordon Nelson of the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) on the campaign to licence UK construction. A discussion of the scope, standards and potential sanctions of a licensing scheme followed.

3 MSPs in attendance

26 non-MSPs in attendance

MSP Members of The Group

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

Monica Lennon MSP Scottish Labour Party
Alexander Burnett MSP Scottish Conservative Party
Gordon MacDonald MSP Scottish National Party
Graham Simpson MSP Scottish Conservative Party
Sharon Dowey MSP Scottish Conservative Party
Lorna Slater MSP Scottish Green Party

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

John Kane

Organisations

Association for Consultancy and Engineering
Building and Engineering Services Association
Civil Engineering Contractors Association Scotland
Chartered Institute of Building
Considerate Contractors Scheme
Construction Industry Training Board
Energy and Utility Skills
Engineering Construction Industry Training Board
Engineered Panels in Construction Ltd
Evolution Fasteners UK
Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education
Federation of Master Builders
Finishes and Interiors Sector
Glass and Glazing Federation
Homes for Scotland
Institution of Civil Engineers
Institution of Structural Engineers
McLaughlin & Harvey
Mineral Products Association Scotland
Morgan Sindall Construction
National Housing Building Council Scotland
Resource Management Association Scotland
Royal Incorporation of Architects Scotland
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
Sisaltech
Scottish Building Federation
Scottish Canals

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	Monica Lennon MSP
Deputy Convener	Alexander Burnett MSP and Gordon MacDonald MSP
Secretary	Yvonne Wilson, SELECT
Treasurer	Grahame Barn, Civil Engineering Contractors Association Scotland

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.

At the AGM of the Cross-Party Group (CPG) in 2022, members agreed to support the Treasurers proposal that invoices should be raised and sent to the member companies/organisations of the CPG. This was to ensure that we had funds available to meet catering costs for meetings going forward.

This was the first time since November 2016 that a request for financial support had been made to CPG members. At the 2024 AGM, the Treasurer confirmed that no invoices would be raised for subscriptions this year.

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on 19 November 2024, 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	✓
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	✓
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	✓
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	✓
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	✓
Provided minutes of all meetings	✓
Signed	<i>Monica Lanson</i>
Date	19 November 2024