

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross Party Group on Food
<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>22 September 2021</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>11 September 2024</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>16 September 2024</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>5 September 2023</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>28 November 2023</b>  Attendance 3 MSPs 60 non-MSPs. Chaired by Annie Wells MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.  The theme was Good Food Nation: A sustainable supply chain.

There were presentations from:

- Ross Lilley, Head of Natural Resource Management, NatureScot
- Robert Logan, Head of Co-op Development, SAOS
- Sarah Duley, Head of Food, Soil Association Scotland

This was followed by an open debate.

### **27 February 2024**

Attendance 2 MSPs 1 invited guest 76 non-MSPs. Chaired by Rhoda Grant MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

The theme was The National Good Food Nation Plan consultation.

Mairi Gougeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, attended the meeting to provide an update on the National Good Food Nation Plan consultation.

There was then a discussion on the National Good Food Nation Plan consultation.

### **11 September 2024 (AGM)**

Attendance 3 MSPs 30 non-MSPs. Chaired by Annie Wells MSP. This meeting was a hybrid meeting.

There was an election of officers and the following were elected:

Co-Conveners

Rhoda Grant MSP Labour  
Elena Whitham MSP SNP  
Annie Wells MSP Con

Secretariat

Kirsty Tinsdale, Food and Drink Federation Scotland

The theme was what does the Blue Economy mean for food and drink.

There were presentations from:

- Elaine Jamieson, Head of Food and Drink and Life Sciences and lead for the Blue Economy, Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Hannah Fennell, President, Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- Jonathan Sayer-Mitchell, Director and Project Manager, Tritonia Scientific Ltd

This was followed by an open debate.

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

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

Annie Wells Con  
Brian Whittle Con  
Rhoda Grant Lab  
Claire Baker Lab  
Colin Smyth Lab  
Elena Whitham 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

Martin Meteyard  
Lesley Stanley  
Marie-Amelie Viatte  
Fiona Bird  
Cate Devine  
Natasha Martins  
Simon Macdonald  
Faith Davies  
Stephen Kelly  
Mary Lawton  
Carrie Ruxton  
Laura Wyness  
Rosa Holt  
Ann Packard

Organisations

Abertay University  
Agrecalc

Agrico  
Agricultural Industries Confederation Scotland  
Atilus  
Asda  
Biomics  
Business in the Community Scotland  
British Coffee Association  
Community Food Initiatives North East  
Charlesfield Farms  
Citypress  
ClimateXChange  
Company Shop Group  
Compassion Edinburgh - Local Volunteer Group  
CRUK Scotland Centre  
Dairy UK  
Devro  
Edinburgh Community Food  
Fareshare Scotland  
Food & Drink Exporters Association  
Food and Drink Federation Scotland  
Food Integrity Assurance  
Food Standards Scotland  
Food Training Scotland  
Food, Farming and Countryside Commission  
Forth Environment Link  
Glenkens Food Hub  
Halogen Communications  
Hospitality Industry Trust  
IntelliDigest  
Interface  
Intergenerational National Network  
James Hutton Institute  
Keep Scotland Beautiful  
Keep Scotland the Brand  
Lantra Scotland

Learning for Sustainability Scotland  
MECOPP  
Myreside Organics  
National Manufacturing Institute Scotland  
NatureScot  
Nesta Scotland  
New Nutrition Business  
NFU Scotland  
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde  
Obesity Action Scotland  
OneKind  
Peacock Salt  
Perth and Kinross Council  
Nourish Scotland  
PLMR  
Propagate Scotland  
Prosper  
Public Health Scotland  
Quality Meat Scotland  
Queen Margaret University  
Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland  
Royal Highland Education Trust  
Royal Society of Chemistry  
SAC Consulting  
Salmon Scotland  
Scotland Food & Drink  
Scotland's Rural College  
Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society  
Scottish Craft Butchers  
Scottish Environment Protection Agency  
Scottish Food Guide  
Scottish Government  
Scottish Land & Estates  
Scottish Retail Consortium  
Scottish Qualifications Authority

	Scottish Wholesale Association Soil Association Scotland Stockfree Farming TESCO The Food Train The Institute of Food Science and Technology The Open University in Scotland The Orchard Project The Royal Environment Health Institute of Scotland The Rowett Institute The Scottish Centre for Food Development and Innovation The Scottish Pantry Network The Soil Association Transition Edinburgh South (Scotland) UK Chinese Times University of Aberdeen University of Edinburgh University of Strathclyde Vivid Ideas and Solutions
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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	Rhoda Grant, Elena Whitham, Annie Wells
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Kirsty Tinsdale, Food and Drink Federation Scotland
Treasurer	None

## 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.

None

## CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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