

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group: Independent Convenience Stores

Cross-Party Group on: 12/11/24

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.)

23rd June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

12th November 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

TBC

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]

14th November 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.

- 1. 20/02/24: Title: The Scottish Economy, Retail and Small Business Conditions**

An overview of the health of the economy in relation to the retail and convenience sector, including a forecast/outlook for the short to mid-term. Whether the current circumstances and challenges facing retail are signs of a 'sun rise' or 'sun set' for Scottish Retail. Driving a town centre first agenda enables sustainable and economic growth that cyclically benefits the local community. Highlighting that consumers are focused on cutting spending across key areas, such as eating out, energy expenditure and food shopping.

2. 17/09/24: Title: Retail Crime, Food Crime and Proxy Purchasing

An overview of various aspects of Retail Crime in Scotland, including underage drinking, proxy purchasing, anti-social behaviour, illicit trade, counterfeit products, shop theft, burglary, and abuse and violence toward retailers and staff. The Scottish Grocers' Federation & Retailers Against Crime (RAC) 'Don't Put Up With It!' campaign; and the work and progress of the SAIP, the 'It'll Cost You' campaign. Alongside discussion of the impact of food crime and counterfeit goods in Scotland.

3. AGM: 12/11/24: Title: UK Vaping Regulation: Compliance & Illicit Trade

An overview of various aspects of UK vaping regulation, compliance and illicit trade in Scotland, including possible impacts of the upcoming ban on single-use Nicotine Vaping Products and regulations on the specifications, advertising and marketing of vape products. Noting a range of restrictions being introduced at both a UK and Scottish level. This will include a ban on the sale of single-use vapes in each of the four UK nations. Outlining the WEEE recycling and waste management of small electric items such as vaping products and discussion of enforcement and the impact of illicit trade on Scottish retail and crime.

Note: A CPG was due to take place on 4th June 14th. However, this was cancelled due to Chamber Business.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Gordon MacDonald MSP, Scottish National Party

Daniel Johnson MSP, Scottish Labour
Stephanie Callaghan MSP, Scottish National Party
Murdo Fraser MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Jackie Baillie MSP, Scottish Labour
John Mason MSP, Scottish National Party
Monica Lennon MSP, Scottish Labour
Foyso Choudry MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Maurice Golden MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Rachael Hamilton MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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	Professor Leigh Sparks, Stirling University Dr Maria Rybazewska, Stirling University
Organisations	Scottish Grocers Federation - Secretary Scotmid British Independent Retailers Association Scottish Wholesale Association Scottish Licensed Trade Association Scottish Business Resilience Centre Scottish Anti Illicit Trade Group Keep Scotland Beautiful Scottish Local Retailer Co-operative Food Clydebank Co-operative CJ Lang & Son Ltd Booker Premier Costcutter Supermarkets Mace Stores

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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	Gordon MacDonald MSP
Deputy Convener	Daniel Johnson MSP
Secretary	Luke McGarty
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.

N/A

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

Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months

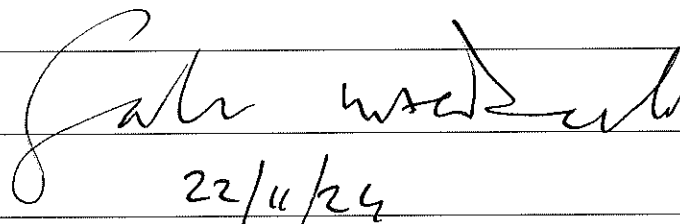
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM

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



Date

22/11/24

