

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.)

15th June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

7th May 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

4th June 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]

10th May 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.

10th May 2023 (Present: 3 MSPs; 6 non-MSPs)

The ethical use of animals in sport

Professor Madeleine Campbell, author of “A Good Life for Every Greyhound” and Jeremy Cooper, Chairman of Greyhound Board of Great Britain and former RSPCA CEO will update the group on their work with animal welfare charities and the social licence of animals being trained for sport.

15th Nov 2023 (Present: 3 MSPs; 4 non-MSPs)

Misogyny in horseracing report

Dr Eleanor Boden will update the group on the publication of her PhD entitled “*Where Did All the Girls Go?: Gender, Education and Work in the Horseracing Industry*”, which was undertaken from 2015 to 2020. Dr Boden will also highlight the associated next steps to address and improve the culture of equestrian sports with a specific focus on horseracing.

7th May 2024 - AGM (Present: 4 MSPs; 3 non-MSPs)

HorsePWR Campaign – Robin Mounsey from the British Horseracing Authority

The British Horseracing Authority and Great British Racing have launched a new hub dedicated to the Thoroughbred racehorse, the ultimate equine athlete. www.horsepwr.co.uk

HorsePWR has been designed to promote the key facts around welfare in horse racing, and to help challenge and correct inaccurate information. Welfare concerns are the biggest barrier to engagement with the sport, both among existing and potential racing fans.

MSP Members of The Group

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

- Miles Briggs MSP – Con
- Neil Bibby MSP – Lab
- Rachael Hamilton MSP – Con
- Mark Griffin – Lab
- Stephanie Callaghan – SNP
- Stephen Kerr - Con

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">• Scottish Racing• Racing Welfare• The Scottish SPCA• World Horse Welfare

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
Secretary	Scottish Racing
Treasurer	Scottish Racing

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

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