

**Cross-Party Group Annual Return September 2024**

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on St. Andrew's Day</b>
<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.)
8 September 2021
<b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
18 September 2024
<b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>
September 2024
<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 to 13 months of the previous AGM]
20 September 2023
<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.

**20 Sept. 2023: 4 MSPs, 5 non-MSPs.**

**AGM re-elected existing office-bearers. Subsequent meeting concentrated on preparing for the St. Andrew's Day event at the Scottish Parliament on 29 November 2023.**

**1 November 2023: 3 MSPs, 8 non-MSPs.**

**Preparation for St. Andrew's Day Event at Scottish Parliament on 29 Nov. 2023. Responses to questionnaire on promotion of St. Andrew's Day**

**7 Feb. 2024: 1 MSP and 6 non-MSPs.**

**Treasurer's Report.**

**Review of event at Scottish Parliament on 29 Nov 2023.**

**Analysis of responses to questionnaire on promotion of St. Andrew's Day**

**23 April 2024 : 2 MSPs, 6 non-MSPs.**

**Future event at Scottish Parliament to celebrate St. Andrew's Day 2024.**

**Possible event at Festival of Politics.**

**18 September 2024: AGM elected Michelle Thomson as Convener, Alex Rowley and Pam Gosal as Deputy Conveners, Joe Goldblatt as Treasurer and Dennis Canavan as Secretary.**

**Discussion with delegation from St. Andrew Society of Maine USA.**

### **MSP Members of The Group**

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

**Michelle Thomson (SNP), Craig Hoy (Conservative), Rachael Hamilton (Conservative), Alex Rowley (Labour), Pam Gosal (Conservative), Murdo Fraser (Conservative), Martin Whitfield (Labour), Gillian Martin (SNP), Rona Mackay (SNP), Mark Griffin (Labour), Stephanie Callaghan (SNP), Jackie Dunbar (SNP), Ash Regan (Alba), Collette Stevenson (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.

<b>Individuals</b>	Dennis Canavan, Joe Goldblatt, Rami Ousta, Christina Hendry, Dave Moxham, Richard Walker, Ian Sirrell, Anthony Horan, Isabel Smyth, Pat Kelly, Michael Veitch, Alex Salmond, Ella Willcox David Lonsdale, Jalal Chaudry, Jordi Albareda, Danny Boyle, Ephraim Borowski, Callum MacLeod, Fraser Thompson, Ian Scott, Maureen Sier, Ruhy Parris, Gavin Mowat, Rev. Neil Galbraith, Iain Stewart, Trishna Singh, Will Gibb, Liza Boffen-Yordanov, Tanveer Parnez, Gerry McGarvey, Maurice Corry, Diane Macintyre, John Martin, Colin Gray, Else Kek, Kirstin Gray, Roger Mullin, Philip Bale, Diane McIntyre, Eric Milligan, Chelsea Taylor.
<b>Organisations</b>	BEMIS, STUC, Catholic Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Scottish Retail Consortium, Fair Saturday, Scottish Inter-faith Council, Edinburgh Inter-faith Council, Sikh Sanjog, The Scottish Flag Trust, Scot Govt. rep. in USA, VisitScotland.

## 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.

<b>Convener</b>	<b>Michelle Thomson</b>
<b>Deputy Conveners</b>	<b>Alex Rowley, Pam Gosal</b>

**Secretary** Dennis Canavan  
**Treasurer** Joe Goldblatt

**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.**

St Andrews University £1000.00  
Saltire Society £1000.00

Belhaven Brewers: £4000.00 (value of inkind provided as product)

Walker's Oatcakes: 250 boxes of shortbread@£4per box

All of the above were to meet expenses, fees and gifts for the St. Andrew's Day Event organised by the CPG, held in the Scottish Parliament on 29 November 2023

**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 St. Andrew's Day, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:**

12 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	Yes
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	Yes
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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	Yes
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	Yes
Provided minutes of all meetings	Yes
Signed	<i>Michelle R. Thomson</i>
Date	9/10/24