

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Taiwan

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.)

21st September 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

25th September 2024

Date Annual Return Submitted

25/02/2025

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]

27th September 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.

AGM: 25 September 2024

Attendance: 3 MSP members, 5 non-MSP members

- Director General Ding extended his gratitude to the guest speaker, Hsiao-Chen Shen for her insightful talk, and the attendees and guests for their attendance.
- Jamie Greene MSP chaired the meeting, sharing his views on Scotch Whisky as well as the export to Taiwan, and then welcomed the upcoming ROC Taiwan's National Day celebrations in Edinburgh.
- Jamie Greene MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP and Karen Adam MSP are keen to keep enhancing dialogues on diverse topics in the future, and looking forward to seeking any further potential opportunities to strengthen bilateral economic ties between Scotland and Taiwan.
- Re-election of office bearers and the secretary of the CPG on Taiwan.
- The date of next meeting is to be confirmed.

22nd November 2023

Attendance: 3 MSP members, 17 non-MSP members

- Guest presentations on the topic of Taiwan and UK educational collaborations
- Discussion included methods to progress collaborations, what has been learned from previous experience, current barriers to collaborations and what the future holds.

AGM: 27 September 2023

Attendance: 3 MSP members, 9 non-MSP members

- Re-election of office bearers
- Acknowledgement of support from MSPs by the Director General *Chia-Cheng Chang*.
- Updates on Bilateral relations
- Policy and Sustainability Committee of the City Council agreed to pursue a memorandum of understanding with Edinburgh and Taiwan city partners
- Cultural exchange in the past year with Taiwanese performing organisations participating in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- Officials from Taiwan's Judicial Yuan visited Edinburgh in early June 2023, exchanging views with counterparts.

- Lord President, Lord Carloway, and Lord Justice Clerk, Lady Dorrian, visited Taiwan, delivering keynote speeches at a Constitutional Law Forum this September 2023
- In July, Taiwan and the UK initiated discussions on an enhanced trade partnership, prioritising investments, energy, decarbonisation, and digital trade.

MSP Members of The Group

Jamie Greene MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Rhoda Grant MSP (Scottish Labour)

Jeremy Balfour MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Karen Adam MSP (Scottish National Party)

Beatrice Wishart (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Sarah Boyack MSP (Scottish Labour)

Miles Briggs MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Jackson Carlaw MSP (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)

Non-MSP Members of The Group

Blanca Kao - Secretary

Hsinyen Lai

Alex MacKinnon

Angel Lin

Ariel Liu

Brian McLeish

Candy Lotus

Chen Burger

Chen Yen Fa

Chia Ling Yang

Chimin Wu

Chiu Wen Hsiung
Craig Ballard
David Birrell
Deirdre Kinloch Anderson
Donald Anderson
Douglas Kinloch Anderson
Klaus Staubermann
Gari Donn
Helen Robertson
Hung-Chieh Chang
Ellie Casson
Emma Wheeler
Eric Milligan
Hsien-Lin Ro
Ian Irvin
Ian McKee
Isabella Morton
Jack Lin
Jenny Chen
Jhenyi Wu
Jim Ramage
John Kinloch Anderson
John Leighton
Kevin McLoughlin
Li Feng Su
Lindsey Low
Lisa Hsu
Lord Andrew Hardie
Martin Bell
Martin Hunt
Maya Lu Luna Schumacher-Lu
Martino Chan
Mei Jung Fu
Michael Bates
Michael Clarke
Owen Kelly
Raffkas Liu
Robert Mitchell
Roger Huang
Ron Hewitt
Sheng-Feng Huang
Simon Chiu
Siobhan Paterson

Stephen Blackmore
Steve Cardownie
Thomas Lee
Tony A.T. Shek
Tuang Jung Lee
Wei Lee Ger
Wei Sheng Hong
Wingsie Ng
Winston Wu
Yen Yi Lee
Yi Chiao Chung
Mark Hughes
Rob Munn
Toni Taylor

Individuals

Organisations

Scotland Taiwanese Association (STA)
 Scotland Taiwan Chamber of Commerce (STCC)
 Taiwanese Scholar Association of Scotland (TSAS)
 Taipei Representative Office (TRO) in the UK
 Edinburgh Office

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

Jamie Greene MSP
 Rhoda Grant MSP

Deputy Convener

N/A

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| Secretary | Peter Chu |
| 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.

None

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 Taiwan, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:

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| 8 MSP Members from 4 different political parties | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Provided minutes of all meetings



Signed

Rhoda Grant MSP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhoda Grant". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a white rectangular background.

Date

16.12.2024