

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Tibet
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.)
7 October 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
25 November 2024
Date Annual Return Submitted
17 December 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]
30 January 2024 (This meeting was originally scheduled for November 2023 but was made non-quorate by sickness absence and therefore had to be postponed.)
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.
The AGM was initially scheduled in November but the meeting had to be abandoned as MSP absence rendered it non-quorate.

The rescheduled AGM was eventually held on **30 January 2024**

MSP attendees: 2

Non-MSP attendees: 9

Key topics: We had two guest speakers from the Unrepresented Nations & People's Organisation: Merce Monje Cano, their Secretary General, and Dr Fiona McConnell, a member of their Advisory Board. They spoke about UNPO's work and history and its links with the Tibetan government-in-exile and the wider Tibetan movement/disapora.

The second meeting was held on **12 June 2024**

MSP attendees: 2

Non-MSP attendees: 10

Key topics: We received a presentation of Tibet Watch's latest report from Tenzin Choekyi. This covered the environmental issues and protests taking place in Dege County in Tibet. We also received a presentation on the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama from Prof. Martin Mills.

In addition to standard meetings, the CPG co-hosted the Tenzin Delek Rinpoche Medal of Courage award ceremony. This event recognises the bravery of human rights defenders inside Tibet. The event was held in parliament on 12 July 2024.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Ross Greer, Scottish Green Party

Collette Stevenson, Scottish National Party

Mercedes Villalba, Scottish Labour

Alex Cole-Hamilton, Scottish Liberal Democrats

Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour

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

Chris Balance, Eleanor Byrne Rosengren, Jenni Campbell, Tenzin Choephel*, Roger Eames, Linda

	Fabiani, Jackie Fordyce, Reka Gawa*, Trinley Gyamtso*, Linda Hendry, Mike Lean, Duncan Lunan, Linda Lunan, Martin Mills, Val Robertson, Ron Scrimgeour, Victor Spence, Alex Staniforth, Jill Sudbury, Ritchie Walker, Mark Watson, Nima Norbu*, Dorje Nyima* (*Please redact the asterisked names if publishing any membership details.)
Organisations	Office of Tibet, Free Tibet, Tibet Watch, Scottish Centre for Himalayan Research, University of Aberdeen, International Tibet Network, Tibet Solidarity

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	Ross Greer MSP
Deputy Convener	Collette Stevenson MSP
Secretary	Eleanor Byrne-Rosengren
Treasurer	Roger Eames

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

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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

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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings

✓

Provided minutes of all meetings

✓

Signed

Date

17 December 2024