

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on the USA

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.)

25.06.2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

14.01.2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

11.02.2025

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]

03.10.2023

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.

25/06/2021 – 2 MSPs, 5 Individuals, Purpose of meeting to confirm office bearers and formally set up the CPG.

06/10/2021 – 6 MSPs, 32 individuals, Update from the Consulate General, Speakers and discussion of COP26.

23/02/2022 – 5 MSPs, 35 individuals, Update from Consulate General, Scottish - US Relations, Trade Mission Program, Flight routes between Scotland and the US, Update on government support for trade, US students and the Turing scheme.

08/06/2022 – 8 MSPs, 41 individuals, Update from Consulate General, Trade with the US, Space sector, Edinburgh Festival, Whisky sector and the US.

26/01/2023 – 4 MSPs, 13 individuals, Election of new chair, Academic links with the US, Update from Consulate General, Tartan week in New York.

03/10/2023 – 6 MSPs, 22 individuals, AGM proceedings, Update from Consulate General, US-Scotland air links.

14/01/2025 – 6 MSPs, 20 individuals, AGM proceedings, Presentation from Prof. Frank Cogliano on

MSP Members of The Group

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

Daniel Johnson – Scottish Labour

Michelle Thomson – SNP

Douglas Ross - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Emma Harper – SNP

Alexander Burnett – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Murdo Fraser - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Pam Gosal - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Rachel Hamilton - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Liam Kerr - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Paul Sweeney – 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

Lord Charles Bruce, Mateo Urquijo

Organisations

Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce
AECOM
Air Canada
AKA Scotland
Alba Export Agencies
Aldomak Ltd
Almond Engineering Ltd
Amazon
Arup Association of British Insurers
AssureAPM Limited
Avitus Group
Ayrshire Chamber
Bank of Scotland
Barclays Bank
Barrie Knitwear
BBSA Associates Marketing
Big Partnership
Bon Accord Soft Drinks
Brand Satellite
Bright Purple Resourcing Limited
Broughton Ales Ltd
Scottish Council on Global Affairs
BSI Group
Business Doctor Edinburgh
Cairngorms Business Partnership
Caithness Chamber of Commerce
Cal Mac
Carnegie UK Trust
CBI
Cellexus
CEO
Coca-Cola European Partners
Coolicon Lighting Limited
Craneware plc
Cullen Property Limited
Cyan Forensics
Cygnus Extra
DEM Solutions Ltd
Dentons

Department for International Trade
DEXA COP26 Team Directorate for External Affairs
DiageoDiageo
Dialexy Ltd
Douglas Home & CO Ltd
DR Collin & Son Ltd
Drysdale Brothers (Larbert) Ltd.
Dumbartonshire Chamber of Commerce
Dumfries & Galloway Chamber Of Commerce
Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce
DWF LLP
eCom Scotland Ltd
Edgen Murray Europe Limited
Edinburgh Airport
Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University
Edinburgh Capitals
Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Edinburgh College
Edinburgh Innovations
Edinburgh Instruments Limited
Edinburgh International Festival
Edinburgh Tourism Action Group
Edinburgh University
Energy Industries Council
Energy Transition Zone Ltd
Enterprise Screen
Entrepreneurial Scotland
Escrivo Limited
ETI Engineering Limited
FarrPoint Limited
Festivals Edinburgh
Fife Chamber of Commerce
Findlay Irvine
Flock Creative
Food and Drink Federation Scotland
Forth Valley Chamber
Franklin Templeton
Games Without Frontiers
GearedApp
Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
Gleann Mór Spirits Company
Global Virtual Interviews Limited
Goldhart
Grant Property
Heineken UK - Export Division
Heriot Watt University
Hibernian Football Club
Highlander Outdoor
Horcon Projects Limited
Hotel Indigo Edinburgh Princes Street
Hydrosense
INDEZ
Intelligent Wood Systems Ltd
Inverness Chamber of Commerce
Investec Wealth & Investment Limited

ION Concept Systems
Johnstons of Elgin
Jones Lang LaSalle
Key Facilities Management
Kingsmills Hotel Group
L.A. Media Ltd.
Leonardo
LILY BLANCHE Jewellery
Little's
Lochaber Chamber of Commerce
LS Productions
Luath Press Limited
Luss Estates
Macdonalds Hotels
Macswen
Mapix Technologies Ltd
Marsh Limited
Mercat Tours Ltd
MERLIN VET EXPORT LTD
Mharsanta Restaurant
Miigen
Moleta Munro
Moray Chamber of Commerce
Napier University
National Galleries of Scotland
National Trust for Scotland
Natural Ketosis
News Direct
Ogilvie Ross LLP
Oil States Industries UK
Olivia McLaren, Ltd. And American-Scottish Foundation, Inc.
One Devonshire Gardens
OnlyExcel
P & P Business Development
Pentland Medical Limited
Perident Limited
Petroleum Experts Limited
Professional Headshots Scotland
Pterus Aerial
Pufferfish
Queen Margaret University
Quilter Cheviot
Rabbies Tours
Radboud University Finder Programme
Reactec Ltd
Refuge Media Production
Robert Gordon University
Robop Limited
Robotical
Royal Bank of Scotland
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
The Royal Society of Edinburgh
Royal Scottish Academy
RSM
Sapphire Systems PLC

Sarkar Tactical Ltd
SaveMoneyCutCarbon
School Cloud Systems
Scotch Whisky Association
Scotland Food & Drink
Scottish Business Network
Scottish Chambers of Commerce
Scottish Council for Development & Industry
Scottish Development International
Scottish Financial Enterprise
Scottish Life Sciences Association
Scottish Rugby Union
Semeq Limited
Sensewhere
Shortbread House of Edinburgh
SLR Consulting Ltd
Space Intelligence
Sports Labs Ltd
St Andrews University
Standard Life Aberdeen
Stirling University
STR Tourism Consumer Insights
Tanami
The Benriach Distillery Company Limited
The Blackwatch Museum
The Crafty Kit Company
The Kerrs
The Machrie
The Old Curiosity Distillery Ltd
The Placement Factory
The Reputation People
The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo
The Scottish North American Business Council
Thirlestane Castle
Thistly Cross Cider
Thorntons
Translation World Ltd
Tricres LLP
U.S. Department of State in Edinburgh
University of Aberdeen
University of Edinburgh
Upstate Alliance
US Tax & Financial Services
USA Policy Manager
Vegware
VisitCairngorms
W L Gore & Associates (UK) Limited
W L Sleigh Limited
Weber Shandwick
West Lothian Chamber of Commerce
Whisky Ambassador
Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP

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

Daniel Johnson

Deputy Convener

Michelle Thomson, Douglas Ross

Secretary

The University of Edinburgh will take over the duties of the secretariat. Our contact there is Frances Johnson: frances.johnson@ed.ac.uk
Prior to this, the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce was the secretariat.

Treasurer

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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.

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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

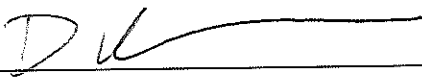
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months

Held an AGM within 11-13 months 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	10 February 2025