

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on the Wood Panel Industry
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.)
2 February 2022
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
17 June 2024
Date Annual Return Submitted
20 June 2023
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]
21 June 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.

Official CPG Meetings

11 March 2024

Cross Party Group on the Wood Panel Industry

Discussion points:

1. Update on the Delivery of the Scottish Government's 18,000 Hectare Planting Target and Impact of the Proposed Reduction in Forestry Budget for 2024/25
2. Update on the state of the Wood Panel Industry and Ongoing Issues with Wood Security

Attendees:

5 MSP Attendees

7 non-MSP Attendees

MSP Members of The Group

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

Fergus Ewing, Scottish National Party

Sharon Dowey, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Colin Smyth, Scottish Labour Party

Emma Harper, Scottish National Party

Evelyn Tweed, Scottish National Party

Elena Whitham, Scottish National Party

Finlay Carson, Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Party

Maurice Golden, Scottish Conservative and Unionist

Party Stephen Kerr, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	
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 ^{n/a}	
Organisations	The Wood Panel Industries Federation Invicta Public Affairs
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	Fergus Ewing MSP
Deputy Convener	Sharon Dowey MSP

	Colin Smyth MSP
Secretary	The Wood Panel Industries Federation
Treasurer	n/a

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.

The Group will receive secretariat support via the Wood Panel Industries Federation. It is anticipated that the cumulative value of this support will exceed the £500 threshold for the coming calendar year.

A maximum budget of £10,000.00 has been allocated for the provision of secretariat support for the coming calendar year, based on an expectation of 4 to 5 meetings being held.

Convener Contact Details

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