

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

<b>Name of Cross-Party Group</b>
<b>Cross-Party Group on Aviation</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.)
29/09/2021
<b>Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
09/11/2022
<b>Date Annual Return Submitted</b>
09/12/2022
<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]
29/09/2021
<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:

### **29 September 2021**

#### **Virtual meeting held via Zoom**

Attendance 6 MSPs, 16 Non-MSPs

Office bearers were agreed with Paul McLennan and Graham Simpson agreed as Co-Chairs for the group

The newly formed group decided to focus on the recovery of aviation and decided to appoint Janice Hogarth (SPAA) as Secretary.

It was agreed that future discussion points should centre on the recovery of the aviation sector and also sustainability.

### **30 November 2021**

#### **Virtual meeting via Zoom**

Attendance: 5 MSPs, 11 Non-MSPs

Presentation from Henk Van Klavaren from the Airline Operators Association on decarbonisation and the production of Sustainable Aviation Fuels and discussion on the effect of the Air Space Modernisation Programme on the potential reduction of emissions.

Presentation and discussion by Janice Hogarth of the SPAA on the recovery of the outbound travel market from a retail travel agency perspective and a general discussion on the issues affecting all aspects of the industry including airlines, operators, inbound travel and tourism. There was agreement that there was need for engagement and a collaboration moving forwards.

### **12 May 2022**

#### **Meeting at Scottish Parliament and via Zoom**

Attendance: 3 MSPs, 12 Non-MSPs

Presentation from Robert Griggs of Airlines UK on the current position on the recovery of aviation in the UK.

A discussion was held on the responses to the recent Scottish Government Aviation Strategy Paper.

The issue of problems regarding recruitment across the industry was raised.

There was agreement for a future round table discussion to create a report to be presented to Government on the recovery of Aviation

### **13 July 2022**

#### **Informal meeting**

An informal meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at Doubletree by Hilton at Edinburgh Airport to discuss the progress on the proposed report on the recovery of Aviation.

### **9 November 2022**

#### **Meeting at Scottish Parliament and via Zoom**

Attendance: 3 MPSs, 15 Non-MSPs

**AGM** was held to elect conveners and secretariat for the group for the following year and minutes of the AGM from the previous year were approved. Graham Simpson and Paul McLennan were approved as Co-Chairs for the next 12 months and Janice Hogarth to continue as Secretary.

The rest of the meeting discussed the draft report that had been produced in consultation with all members of the group on the Recovery of Aviation. Comments were taken on board to add to the report and try and get this finalised by the end of the year.

[Ends]

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

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

Graham Simpson (Scottish Conservatives), Co-Convener

Paul McLennan (SNP), Co-Convener

Sharon Dowey (Scottish Conservatives)

Jeremy Balfour (Scottish Conservatives)

Neil Bibby (Scottish Labour)

Siobhian Brown (Scottish National Party)

John Mason (Scottish National Party)  
Pauline McNeil (Scottish Labour)  
Brian Whittle (Scottish Conservatives)

### **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>	Mike Parker, Office of Alexander Stewart MSP
--------------------	--

<b>Organisations</b>	SPAA Scottish Passenger Agents' Association/ ABTA AOA Airline Operators Association Airlines UK Edinburgh Airports AGS Airports (representing Aberdeen & Glasgow Airport) Scottish Chamber of Commerce Barrhead Travel NATS UKinbound Loganair Easyjet IAG Group ( British Airways ) BALPA If Only
----------------------	--

### **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>	Graham Simpson & Paul McLennan
-----------------	--------------------------------

<b>Deputy Convener</b>	None
------------------------	------

<b>Secretary</b>	Janice Hogarth, SPAA
------------------	----------------------

<b>Treasurer</b>	None
------------------	------

**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

**Convener Contact Details**

<b>Name</b>	Graham Simpson	Paul McLennan
-------------	----------------	---------------

<b>Parliamentary address</b>	Room M3:14 Scottish Parliament	Room M4:06 Scottish Parliament
------------------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------

<b>Telephone number</b>	0131 348 6984	0131 348 5083
-------------------------	---------------	---------------