

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Gaelic/ Buidheann Thar Phàrtaidh Gàidhlig
<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.)
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
12 September 2023
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
12 October 2023
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
<b>First meeting this session/Election of office bearers: 20 September 2022</b>
<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.
<b>30 November 2022</b> Main subjects discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. World Gaelic Week 2023</li><li>2. Scottish Government Commitments to Gaelic and Scots and a Scottish Languages Bill: The Next Steps</li></ol>

Attendance Figures:

3 MSP

11 Non-MSP Group Members

12 Attendees

**22 February 2023:**

Main subjects discussed:

1. SpeakGaelic and Duolingo
2. MG ALBA: Inquiry on Minority Languages from the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Attendance Figures:

3 MSP

6 Non-MSP Group Members

16 Attendees

**09 May 2023:**

Main subjects discussed:

1. Group Membership
2. Independent Report on the Consultation on the Scottish Languages Bill

Attendance Figures:

1 MSP

6 Non-MSP Group Members

14 Attendees

**12 September 2023:**

Main Subjects discussed:

1. AGM
2. Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills of Scotland
3. Recommendations from the Short Life Working Group for Economic and Social Opportunities for Gaelic

Attendance Figures:

2 MSP

7 Non-MSP Group Members

19 Attendees

**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Dr Alasdair Allan, Scottish National Party

Donald Cameron, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Rhoda Grant, Scottish Labour Party

Ariane Burgess, Scottish Green Party

Kate Forbes, Scottish National 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	Carole Henderson
Organisations	An Comunn Gàidhealach Bòrd na Gàidhlig Cearcall Còmhraidh Fìobha Cearcall Còmhraidh Dhùn Èideann Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Comhairle nan Leabhraichean Comunn na Gàidhlig Fèisean nan Gàidheal Free Church of Scotland MG Alba Misneachd Sabhal Mòr Ostaig The Highland Council University of the Highlands and Islands

## 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	Alasdair Allan
Deputy Convener	Donald Cameron
Secretary	Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Treasurer	N/A

## FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig – secretarial support and simultaneous translation – all in-kind support estimated value £800 based on two meetings

## SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Nil

## CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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