

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on INDEPENDENT CONVENIENCE STORES
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please state the purpose of the Group.2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inform MSPs of the issues and challenges facing independent convenience stores and to highlight the contribution local neighbourhood shops make to Scotland's communities – particularly helping to sustain rural and marginalised urban communities - and to Scotland's economy (the sector employs 47,000 people directly; the value of sales is £4bn annually and the sector contributes £530 million in GVA to Scotland's economy per annum). The group will bring together the key stakeholders in the independent convenience store sector: retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, and trade associations. invite guest speakers to participate, including Scottish government Ministers and officials.2. The group will provide a unique forum for independent retailers in all of Scotland's communities including rural and island communities. It will have a particular focus on how independent convenience stores can connect with genuinely locally producers and suppliers and support the wider food and drink sector in Scotland.3. There is no overlap with any existing Cross Party Group. This is the only Cross Party Group to look exclusively at retail and the wider supply chain issues.

4. The agenda for the Group will be set and discussed with the members at the first official meeting. It is proposed that the Group would meet approximately 4 times per year. Potential agenda topics include:

Retail Crime

Non-Domestic Rates and the Small Business Bonus

Deposit Return

Responsible Retailing/Age-Restricted Products

Grocery Retail, Diet and Healthy Eating

Access to Cash and Banking Services

Community Engagement

Supporting the Local Economy

MSP Members of the Group

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

Jackie Baillie (Labour)

Stephanie Callaghan (SNP)

Foyso Choudhury (Labour)

Murdo Fraser (Conservative)

Maurice Golden (Conservative)

Rachael Hamilton (Conservative)

Daniel Johnson (Labour)

Monica Lennon (Labour)

Gordon MacDonald (SNP)

Paul McLennan (SNP)

John Mason (SNP)

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	<p>Professor Leigh Sparks, Stirling University Dr Maria Rybazewska, Stirling University</p>
Organisations	<p>Scottish Grocers Federation Scotmid British Independent Retailers Association Scottish Wholesale Association Scottish Licensed Trade Association Scottish Business Resilience Centre Scottish Anti Illicit Trade Group Keep Scotland Beautiful Scottish Local Retailer Co-operative Food Clydebank Co-operative CJ Lang & Son Ltd Booker Premier Costcutter Supermarkets Mace Stores Abdul Majid & Son Ltd Broadway Premier Edinburgh JW Filshill Khalsa Retail LTD PGMA SGF Healthy Living Programme United Wholesale Grocery United Wholesale Scotland</p>

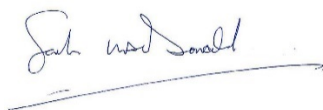
	Bestway Retail Pinkie Farm Stores Scotland Food and Drink Londis Stores
Group Office Bearers	
Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office 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	Gordon MacDonald MSP
Deputy Convener	Daniel Johnson MSP
Secretary	John Lee, Scottish Grocers Federation
Treasurer	N/A
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	
Subscription Charged by the Group	
Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.	
N/A	
Convener Contact Details	

Name	Gordon MacDonald MSP
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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on INDEPENDENT CONVENIENCE STORES is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed



Date

01/07/2021