

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

### Name of Cross-Party Group

### Cross-Party Group on Japan

**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.)

5 October 2021

### Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

13 September 2023

### Date Annual Return Submitted

12 October 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]

5 October 2021

### 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.

Following the decision of the previous CPG Convenor Dean Lockhart to step down as an MSP and Government Ministerial re-shuffles which

resulted in some members of the CPG becoming Ministers, preventing them being members of the CPG, the MSP membership of the Group fell below the required threshold.

However, new members have joined the Group and an AGM was held in September, where new office bearers were appointed.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place in December.

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

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

Colin Smyth MSP (Scottish Labour) Convenor

Alexander Stewart (Scottish Conservatives) – Vice Convenor

Paul Sweeney MSP (Scottish Labour)

Liam McArthur (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Craig Hoy (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>	David Birrell Doug Cook Michael Graham Thomas Heald Julia McIntyre Hisashi Kuboyama Alan Johnston Stuart Hamilton Sue Beatt Colin Loveday Pyr Paulasaari Takashi Taji David Watt Professor Ian Gow OBE MA Phd DUniv FRAS FRSA
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<b>Organisations</b>	Asia Scotland Institute Scottish Life Sciences Association University sector/ Japan Societies Scottish Chambers of Commerce Entrepreneurial Scotland The Whisky Ambassador Ltd The Institute of Directors Japan Society of Scotland Orkney Japan Association Kyowa Kirin
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**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>	Colin Smyth MSP
<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Alexander Stewart MSP
<b>Secretary</b>	Fiona Rae – c/o Colin Smyth MSP Office
<b>Treasurer</b>	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

**Convener Contact Details**

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## COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
Provided minutes of all meetings	X
Signed	
Date	12 October 2023