

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on USA

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.)

6th October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

3rd October 2023

Date Annual Return Submitted

25th 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]

8th June 2022 (EGM 26th January 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.

Meeting of 26th January 2023:
4 MSPs in attendance.

19 non-MSP members were in attendance, including the Consul General for the US Consulate in Edinburgh.

This meeting included an Extraordinary General Meeting to elect a new Convenor and Vice-Convenors.

Topics discussed included academic and research links between Scotland and the US and their wider benefits; various scholarship schemes between the two countries; an update from the US Consulate; an update from the latest meeting of the Scottish Affairs Committee and Tartan Week in New York.

Meeting of 3rd October 2023:

This meeting included an Annual General Meeting.

Topics discussed included an update from the US Consulate; the AI contribution to healthcare; US-Scottish air links and the campaign to bring the UK's first US preclearance zone to Edinburgh airport.

MSP Members of The Group

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

Alexander Burnett MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Daniel Johnson MSP – Scottish Labour Party

Emma Harper MSP – Scottish National Party

Liam Kerr MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Michelle Thomson MSP – Scottish National Party

Monica Lennon MSP – Scottish Labour Party

Murdo Fraser MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Pam Gosal MSP – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Paul McLennan MSP – Scottish National Party

Paul Sweeney MSP – Scottish Labour Party

Rachael Hamilton MSP – 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	<p>Lord Charles Bruce</p> <p>Mateo Urquijo</p>
Organisations	<p>Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>AECOM</p> <p>Air Canada</p> <p>AKA Scotland</p> <p>Alba Export Agencies</p> <p>Aldomak Ltd</p> <p>Almond Engineering Ltd</p> <p>Amazon</p> <p>Arup</p> <p>Association of British Insurers</p> <p>AssureAPM Limited</p> <p>Avitus Group</p> <p>Ayrshire Chamber</p> <p>Bank of Scotland</p> <p>Barclays Bank</p> <p>Barrie Knitwear</p> <p>BBSA Associates Marketing</p> <p>Big Partnership</p> <p>Bon Accord Soft Drinks</p> <p>BP</p> <p>Brand Satellite</p> <p>Bright Purple Resourcing Limited</p> <p>Broughton Ales Ltd</p> <p>BSI Group</p> <p>Business Doctor Edinburgh</p> <p>Cairngorms Business Partnership</p> <p>Caithness Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Cal Mac</p>

Carnegie UK Trust
CBI
Cellexus
CEO
Coca-Cola European Partners
Coolicon Lighting Limited
Craneware plc
Cullen Property Limited
Cyan Forensics
Cygnus Extra
DEM Solutions Ltd
Dentons
Department for International Trade
DEXA COP26 Team Directorate for External Affairs
DiageoDiageo
Dialexy Ltd
Douglas Home & CO Ltd
DR Collin & Son Ltd
Drysdale Brothers (Larbert) Ltd.
Dumbartonshire Chamber of Commerce
Dumfries & Galloway Chamber Of Commerce
Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce
DWF LLP
eCom Scotland Ltd
Edgen Murray Europe Limited
Edinburgh Airport
Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University
Edinburgh Capitals
Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Edinburgh College
Edinburgh Innovations

Edinburgh Instruments Limited
Edinburgh International Festival
Edinburgh Tourism Action Group
Edinburgh University
Energy Industries Council
Energy Transition Zone Ltd
Enterprise Screen
Entrepreneurial Scotland
Escrivo Limited
ETI Engineering Limited
FarrPoint Limited
Festivals Edinburgh
Fife Chamber of Commerce
Findlay Irvine
Flock Creative
Food and Drink Federation Scotland
Forth Valley Chamber
Franklin Templeton
Games Without Frontiers
GearedApp
Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
Gleann Mór Spirits Company
Global Virtual Interviews Limited
Goldhart
Grant Property
Heineken UK - Export Division
Heriot Watt University
Hibernian Football Club
Highlander Outdoor
Horcon Projects Limited
Hotel Indigo Edinburgh Princes Street

Hydrosense
INDEZ
Intelligent Wood Systems Ltd
Inverness Chamber of Commerce
Investec Wealth & Investment Limited
ION Concept Systems
Johnstons of Elgin
Jones Lang LaSalle
Key Facilities Management
Kingsmills Hotel Group
L.A.Media Ltd.
Leonardo
LILY BLANCHE Jewellery
Little's
Lochaber Chamber of Commerce
LS Productions
Luath Press Limited
Luss Estates
Macdonalds Hotels
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Mapix Technologies Ltd
Marsh Limited
Mercat Tours Ltd
MERLIN VET EXPORT LTD
Mharsanta Restaurant
Miigen
Moleta Munro
Moray Chamber of Commerce
Napier University
National Galleries of Scotland
National Trust for Scotland

Natural Ketosis
News Direct
Ogilvie Ross LLP
Oil States Industries UK
Olivia McLaren, Ltd. And American-Scottish
Foundation, Inc.
One Devonshire Gardens
OnlyExcel
P & P Business Development
Pentland Medical Limited
Perident Limited
Petroleum Experts Limited
Professional Headshots Scotland
Pterus Aerial
Pufferfish
Queen Margaret University
Quilter Cheviot
Rabbies Tours
Radboud University Finder Programme
Reactec Ltd
Refuge Media Production
Robert Gordon University
Robop Limited
Robotical
Royal Bank of Scotland
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
The Royal Society of Edinburgh
Royal Scottish Academy
RSM
Sapphire Systems PLC
Sarkar Tactical Ltd

SaveMoneyCutCarbon
School Cloud Systems
Scotch Whisky Association
Scotland Food & Drink
Scottish Business Network
Scottish Chambers of Commerce
Scottish Council for Development & Industry
Scottish Development International
Scottish Financial Enterprise
Scottish Life Sciences Association
Scottish Rugby Union
Semeq Limited
Sensewhere
Shortbread House of Edinburgh
SLR Consulting Ltd
Space Intelligence
Sports Labs Ltd
St Andrews University
Standard Life Aberdeen
Stirling University
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Tanami
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The Blackwatch Museum
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The Kerrs
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The Old Curiosity Distillery Ltd
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The Reputation People
The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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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.

Convener	Daniel Johnson MSP
Deputy Convener	Michelle Thomson MSP and Emma Harper MSP

Secretary	Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Treasurer	
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	
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER	
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Please tick all boxes that apply)	
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	X
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

Daniel Johnson MSP

Date

24.10.2023