

## Cross-Party Group Annual Return

**Name of Cross-Party Group** WASPI

**Cross-Party Group on Women Against State Pension Injustice**

**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.)

**18 January 2017**

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

**16 September 2024**

**Date Annual Return Submitted**

**(Delayed) Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**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]

**15 September 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.

**23 April 2024 – 3 MSPs, 24 Non MSPS.**

Concentrated on PHSO report which had been produced March 21 2024 & delivered to UK Gov & complainants. Awaiting statement from SoS for Work & Pensions. It was agreed we need to continue to lobby politicians across all parties & clarify their position on WASPI as we lead up to GE. In general the suggested compensation of up to £3k unacceptable despite the Maladministration & Injustice being proven by PHSO.

The report stated – “Compensation should be efficient, effective & value for money”

Also “ Finite resources should not be used as an excuse for failing to provide a fair remedy”

### **20 June 2024 – 4 MSPs, 22 Non MSPs.**

GE July 24, therefore manifestos discussed with all parties expressing support for the campaign with the emphasis being on securing the PHSO recommended compensation of up to £3k.

It was agreed we should be attending hustings & engage with PPCs of all parties leading up to GE. Manifestos were awaited at this point to clarify each party’s stance on our issue.

### **16 September 2024 – 5 MSPs, 16 Non MSPs.**

AGM Business took place re-electing members & appointing New member Clare Haughey. Beatrice Wishart stood down & was thanked for her contribution over the time she was a member.

Concentrated on PHSO Report & recommendations.

Paul O’Kane attended representing Social Justice & Social Security. He was keen to listen to our feedback & would pass on our concerns to UK Gov.

Reps from UK WASPI Campaign group met with Emma Reynolds (Pensions Under sec) since Labour had been successful in winning GE in July. A parliamentary statement eagerly awaited.

The main message was to continue engaging with politicians.

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

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

Katy Clark - Labour

Maggie Chapman - Greens  
 Carol Mochan - Labour  
 Clare Haughey - SNP  
 Paul O’Kane (resigned) - Labour

### **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>	WASPI Scotland members
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<b>Organisations</b>	STUC, UNISON, CWU, Age Scotland, SWC, SPF, SWBG
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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>	Katy Clark
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<b>Deputy Convener</b>	Maggie Chapman
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<b>Secretary</b>	Anne Potter
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<b>Treasurer</b>	n/a
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### **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
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Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
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Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
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Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	
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Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	X
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Provided minutes of all meetings	X
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Signed	Katy Clark
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Date	06/01/25
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