

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on

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.)

2 February 2022

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

19 May 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

30 May 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]

17 June 2024

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.

CPG Meeting - 7th May 2025

Discussion Points

- The Health of the Scottish Timber Industry
- The state of Scottish Forestry
- CBI Economics Report on the Economic Contribution of the Wood Panel Industry in the UK

10 MSP in attendance

10 non-MSPs in attendance

MSP Members of The Group

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

Fergus Ewing MSP, Scottish National Party

Sharon Dowey MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Colin Smyth MSP, Scottish Labour Party

Elena Whitham MSP, Scottish National Party

Emma Roddick MSP, SNP

Stephen Kerr MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Emma Harper MSP, Scottish National Party

Evelyn Tweed MSP, Scottish National Party

Finlay Carson MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Maurice Golden MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist

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	N/A
Organisations	Wood Panel Industries Federation

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	Fergus Ewing MSP
Deputy Convener	Elena Whitham MSP Colin Smyth MSP Sharon Dowey MSP
Secretary	The Wood Panel Industries 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

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	✓
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	✓

Held an AGM within 11-13 months of the date of registration or the last AGM	✓
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	✓
Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings	✓
Provided minutes of all meetings	✓

Signed	Fergus Ewing MSP
Date	30/05/2025