

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Pakistan

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.)

29.10.21

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

23.04.24

Date Annual Return Submitted

25.04.24

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]

29.11.23

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.

23.04.24

The meeting was held to elect new officers after the previous Convenor's promotion to ministerial office.

Willie Rennie was elected Convener. It was agreed to explore options for a secretary.

Planning: Willie Rennie set out plans for holding an annual event to coincide with one of the national days for Pakistan. The Pakistan Consul General has agreed to assist with invitations and funding for hospitality.

Attendance: MSPs Stephen Kerr, Pam Gosal, Alexander Stewart, Murdo Fraser, Douglas Lumsden, Willie Rennie. Invited Observer Member of the public: Ken Fisher. The following have agreed to be members of the CPG: Sarah Boyack MSP, James Dornan MSP, Foysol Choudhury MSP

MSP attendees: 6

Non MSP attendees: 1

MSP Members of The Group

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

Willie Rennie MSP (Convener) Lib Dem

Sarah Boyack MSP (Convener) Labour

Foysol Choudhury MSP (Member) Labour

James Dornan MSP (Member) SNP

Murdo Fraser MSP (Member) Conservative

Pam Gosal MSP (Member) Conservative

Stephen Kerr MSP (Member) Conservative

Douglas Lumsden MSP (Member) Conservative

Alexander Stewart MSP (Member) Conservative

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	Ken Fisher
Organisations	University of Glasgow Consulate of Pakistan British Council Scottish Pakistani Association Church of Scotland Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre Scottish Ahle Sunnah Society Scots Asians for Independence (SAFI) – SNP British Pakistan Foundation Glasgow Citizens Advice Bureau
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	Willie Rennie MSP (Co Convener)
Deputy Convener	Sarah Boyack MSP (Co Convener)
Secretary	To be confirmed
Treasurer	To be confirmed
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.

None at present but we anticipate receiving funding for hospitality costs for a parliamentary reception in March 2025 to mark Pakistan National Day

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 Pakistan 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 11-13months 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

W Rennie

Date

25/04/24