

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on Independent Convenience Stores

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.)

23rd June 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

14th December 2022

Date Annual Return Submitted

21st December 2022

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]

The above was the first AGM of the group (which was delayed from 13th September due to the passing of the Queen).

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.

31 May 2022

Question Time: Scotland's political, economic, and constitutional challenges. These were the broad themes for discussion in a Question Time style Q&A with MSPs from across the political spectrum in Scotland. The presentations were delivered by: Maggie Chapman MSP, Daniel Johnson MSP, Maurice Golden MSP, Gordon MacDonald MSP followed by a Q&A with invited attendees.

16th March 2022

What will convenience retail look like in the new post-pandemic landscape, how will it adapt and ensure that it continues thrive and play a key role in the Scottish economy and of course remain a key asset to the communities which they serve.

Speakers shared their thoughts on what had been

learned so far from the pandemic, what the retail industry was looking like now and how things might develop over the short to medium term.

16th November 2021

A responsible industry: how retailers and key partners ensure that age-restricted products are sold responsibly, and that young people are protected from harm.

Look at the actions taken by retailers and the wider industry to ensure responsible retailing, age verification of restricted products and to ensure that young people were protected from harm. Specific items for discussion covered a) Preventing under-age sales: The Don't Ask for It campaign; b) Regulation and compliance in convenience stores and c) Systems and procedures to ensure age-verification

MSP Members of The Group

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

Gordon MacDonald, Scottish National Party

Daniel Johnson, Scottish Labour

Jackie Baillie, Scottish Labour

Stephanie Callaghan, Scottish National Party

Foyso Choudhury, Scottish Labour
 Murdo Fraser, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Maurice Golden, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Rachael Hamilton, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
 Monica Lennon, Scottish Labour
 John Mason, Scottish National Party
 Paul McLennan, Scottish National 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	Professor Leigh Sparks, Stirling University Dr Maria Rybazewska, Stirling University
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Organisations	Scottish Grocers Federation - secretary Scotmid British Independent Retailers Association Scottish Wholesale Association Scottish Licensed Trade Association Scottish Business Resilience Centre Scottish Anti Illicit Trade Group Keep Scotland Beautiful Scottish Local Retailer Co-operative Food Clydebank Co-operative CJ Lang & Son Ltd Booker Premier Costcutter Supermarkets Mace Stores Abdul Majid & Son Ltd Broadway Premier Edinburgh
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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	Gordon MacDonald MSP
Deputy Convener	Daniel Johnson MSP
Secretary	Luke McGarty
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

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