

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Scottish Horseracing & Bloodstock Industries
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.)
15 th June 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
18 th May 2022
Date Annual Return Submitted
17 th June 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]
n/a
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.

15th June 2021 (Present: 3 MSPs; 3 non-MSPs)

Covid-19 and the Horseracing Industry

Representatives from the British Horseracing Authority and Scottish Racing updated the Group on how the horseracing industry in both Britain and Scotland can recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

23rd Nov 2021 (Present: 4 MSPs; 4 non-MSPs)

Scottish Horses, Trainers and Jockeys successes in 2022

Gordon Brown from Racing TV highlighted just some of the success' horses trained in Scotland have achieved over the past twelve months, as well as those to keep an eye on during the forthcoming months.

18th May 2022 - AGM (Present: 3 MSPs; 4 non-MSPs)

A Life Well Lived – Barry Johnson, Independent Chair of the Horse Welfare Board and former President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

British horseracing's independent Horse Welfare Board has published its five-year strategic plan for the welfare of horses bred for racing.

The strategy focuses on the ambition that every horse bred to race should lead – and be seen to lead – “a life well-lived”. The strategy includes traceability for horses bred for the sport, a strong focus on safety and wellbeing, a more confident and proactive approach to communications and the industry's biggest ever data project.

MSP Members of The Group

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

- Miles Briggs MSP – Con
- Neil Bibby MSP – Lab
- Rachael Hamilton MSP – Con
- Mark Griffin – Lab
- Stephanie Callaghan – SNP
- Siobhian Brown – SNP

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	
Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Racing • Association of British Bookmakers • Racing Welfare • Racing Together • The Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals • World Horse Welfare
Group Office Bearers	
<p>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.</p>	
Convener	Miles Briggs MSP
Deputy Convener	Neil Bibby MSP
Secretary	Scottish Racing
Treasurer	Scottish Racing
<p>If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
Subscription Charged by the Group	
<p>Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.</p>	
n/a	

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