

Cross-Party Group Annual Report

Cross Party Group Details

Cross Party Group Title:

Horseracing

Group membership and office holders

Name of Group Chair:

Llyr Gruffydd MS (Plaid Cymru)

Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Alun Davies MS (Labour), Joel James MS (Conservative), James Evans MS (Conservative), Sam Rowlands MS (Conservative), Samuel Kurtz MS (Conservative), Gareth L Davies MS (Conservative), Jack Sargeant MS (Labour), Peter Fox MS, Mike Hedges MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Henry Dixon-Clegg

British Horseracing Authority

Names of other external members and organisations represented:

N/A

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

Tuesday 7th March 2023

Attendees:

Members: Llyr Gruffydd MS (Plaid Cymru – Chair), Alun Davies MS (Labour), Gareth Davies MS (Conservative), James Evans MS (Conservative), Peter Fox MS (Conservative), Mike Hedges MS (Labour)

Senedd Staff: Mike Bryan (Samuel Kurtz MS Researcher)

External: Jack Barton (British Horseracing Authority – Secretariat), Phil Bell and Kevin Hire (Arena Racing Company), Martin Davies (On-course bookmaker), James Lovell (Welsh Bookmakers Association and DragonBet), James Stevens (Racing Post), Lorcan Williams (Professional Jockey)

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Issues facing on-course bookmakers.
- Greyhound racing and the upcoming Petitions Committee debate on its future in Wales
- New BHA whip rules
- Updates on Gambling Review and Levy reform
- Cheltenham Festival preview

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

Tuesday 6th June 2023

Attendees:

Members: Llyr Gruffydd MS (Plaid Cymru – Chair), Alun Davies MS (Labour), James Evans MS (Conservative), Peter Fox MS (Conservative), Joel James MS (Conservative)

Senedd Staff: Mike Bryan (Samuel Kurtz MS Researcher), Griff (Llyr Gruffydd MS Researcher)

External: Jack Barton (British Horseracing Authority – Secretariat), Beverley Thomas (Representative of Welsh Point-to-Point racing and Racehorse Owner)

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Issues faced by Point-to-Point racing in Wales
- Gambling White Paper
- Animal Rising protests at high profile meetings throughout the Spring/early Summer
- BHA Industry Strategy and 2024 fixture list

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Attendees:

Members: Llyr Gruffydd MS (Plaid Cymru – Chair), Alun Davies MS (Labour), James Evans MS (Conservative), Joel James MS (Conservative)

External: Jack Barton (British Horseracing Authority – Secretariat), Henry Dixon-Clegg (BHA – Secretariat)

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Racing education and training
- Equine welfare
- Migration Advisory Committee and the Shortage Occupation List
- British racing's 'Right to Bet' survey and the impact of affordability checks
- Levy reform

Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.

[names of lobbyists/organisations/charities should be included as follows, e.g.]

Jack Barton

Henry Dixon-Clegg

Victoria Morgan

Name of Organisation:

British Horseracing Authority

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Annual Financial Statement

Cross Party Group Title:

Horseracing

Date:

21/11/23

Name of Chair:

Llyr Gruffydd MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Henry Dixon-Clegg

British Horseracing Authority

Title	Description	Amount
Group's Expenses	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Costs of all goods	Catering provided for three in person meetings in the Senedd (listed above) and a BHA hosted dinner with representatives of the Welsh racing industry on 12/9/23	£1,634.70
Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Any financial support or other support.	Click or tap here to enter text.	£0
Total		£1,634,70

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
Click or tap here to enter text.	Welsh Horseracing Awards	£150 (£75 per head for two members)
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Total		£150