

2010-11 Figures

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT TOTAL MEMBERS' EXPENDITURE FOR 2009-10 AND 2010-11

In 2010-11 the total costs reimbursed to or paid on behalf of Members, or borne by the SPCB on behalf of Members, were £11.849 million. This represented an increase of £0.187 million or 1.60% on the previous year's corresponding figure of £11.663 million. In the same period, RPI increased by 5.3% and CPI by 4.0%. This equates to a real term reduction of £0.431million in RPI terms and £0.280 million in CPI terms.

Scheme	2010-11 (£)	2009-10 (£)	Change	
Expenses	11,338,274	11,146,554	191,720	1.72%
Party Leaders' Allowance	39,829	44,651	(4,822)	(10.80)%
Stationery and Postage Provision	471,296	471,393	(97)	(0.02)%
Totals	11,849,399	11,662,598	186,801	1.60%

DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT EXPENDITURE

Further details of individual Members' expenses and categories of expense are provided on the MSP expenses section of the Scottish Parliament website.

The following information is reported at an aggregate level only to take account of data protection considerations:

- Salary, pension and national insurance contributions of Members' employees in 2010-11 was £8,841,339 (2009-10: £8,395,460).
- Total expenditure on childcare vouchers for 2010-11 was £43,440 (2009-10: £36,484)
- Total security related expenditure for 2010-11 was £6,012 (2009-10:£5,073).

All other expenditure under the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme and detailed for individual Members is available on the Members Expenses Scheme section of the Scottish Parliament website.

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

Arrangements have been made for the central provision of equipment, furniture and office supplies to Members, the costs of which are not claimed against expenses. Equipment and furniture is procured for Members' use but remains the property of the SPCB.

STATIONERY AND POSTAGE PROVISION

With effect from 1 April 2009, the SPCB introduced an annual capped limit of £5,500 on some items of postage and stationery. The guiding principle, as set out in the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament, is that stationery and postage must be used only for parliamentary duties and must not be used for any other purpose, including significant party political purposes.

Items such as plain paper and envelopes are provided centrally to Members and do not form part of the capped provision. However, items such a postage – Including the pre-paid element, stamps, freepost, courier, parcels, parliamentary headed envelopes, costs of personalising office stationery to Members requirements such as addresses, photographs, messages and the printing of newsletters / surveys / annual reports must be charged to the capped provision up to the maximum annual limit, the Office Costs provision of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme or an amalgamation of both.

EXPENSES RATES

The table below indicates expenses and provision limits for 2010-11 and 2009-10.

Expenses	Rate	
	2009-10	2010-11
Office Cost Provision	£15,700	£16,300
Staff Cost Provision	£58,700	£59,500
Edinburgh Accommodation		
• Annual Provision	£12,000	£12,500
• Overnight Limit	£134	£139
Overnight Expenses		
• London, Brussels, Strasbourg	£157	£163
• UK (Excluding Greater London)	£134	£139
Surgery Advertising	£1,562	£1,620
Telecommunications	£1,185	£1,229
Mileage		
• Motor Mileage	40p per mile up to 10,000 miles	40p per mile up to 10,000 miles

	25p per mile thereafter	25p per mile thereafter
• Motor Cycle	24p per mile	24p per mile
• Pedal Cycle	20p per mile	20p per mile
Staff Travel Provision		
• No. of journeys	74	74
Party Leaders Allowance		
• Party with 15 to 29 Members	£13,966	£14,217
• Party with 30+ Members	£26,617	£27,096
Winding – Up		
• Constituency Member	£5,233	£5,433