

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Sections 31 (1) and (2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 impose duties on certain Scottish public bodies to publish information on expenditure and certain other matters. Whilst the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body is not required to comply with this disclosure, continuing its commitment to openness, transparency and accountability, the Scottish Parliament is publishing the following information for the financial year ended 31 March 2016:

Activity		Spend £'000
Engagement /Public Relations	<p>Engagement is regarded as a central aim of the Scottish Parliament. Expenditure on engagement includes all external communications, including the cost of in-house and contracted staff. The aggregate staff costs for the Scottish Parliament's Media Relations, Web and Social Media, Public Information and Publications, Broadcasting, Visitor Services, Events and Exhibitions, Education and Community Partnerships and UK and International Relations Office were £3,809k.</p> <p>Non-staff costs (excluding overseas travel and accommodation) associated with these activities amounted to £617k and covered expenditure such as advertising, purchase of products for the shop, webcasting contract and education resources. The non-staff costs are shown net of shop and events income.</p>	4,426
Overseas Travel & Accommodation	<p>Costs of £26k associated with Parliamentary Liaison Travel and Expenses, incurred by International Relations Office, are recorded here. These included attending Scotland Week in the USA, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association events in Bangladesh, Cyprus, Canada and Australia and Malta. During the year to 31 March 2016, the SPCB spent an additional £16k on overseas travel, accommodation and incidental costs. This figure does not include any Members' Expenses Scheme travel and accommodation costs which are already published separately on the Scottish Parliament's website.</p>	42
Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>Hospitality costs relate to external parties e.g. official functions and tea/coffee and buffet lunches for meetings</p>	2

	with external parties.	
External Consultancy	External consultancy costs relate to the use of professional advisors to seek specific advice to aid decision makers in the Parliament that allow them to take more informed decisions. This includes programme management, advice on specific projects, Government Actuary's Department, committee advisors etc.	614
Members or Employees who receive remuneration in excess of £150,000		None
Sustainable economic growth	The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's purpose is to support, enable and promote the work of our Parliament and its Members. Direct activity to promote sustainable economic growth included providing funding in 2015-16 of £86.5k to Scotland's Future Forum Limited. In addition, a variety of events are held under our engagement strategy to provide forums for members and organisations to meet.	
Efficiency, effectiveness and economy	<p>Over the course of the previous five-year parliamentary session, the Corporate Body delivered a 10% real terms reduction in the total SPCB budget from 2010-11 to 2015-16. This was achieved by a combination of pay freezes and pay restraint (for Members, Members' support staff and SPS staff), and a change management programme, which has reviewed every aspect of the Parliament's operations and which reduced staffing in the Parliamentary Service by more than 10%.</p> <p>Despite these significant budget reductions, the SPCB has consistently delivered against its strategic plan and has supported demanding programmes of parliamentary business. It has also invested in essential improvements to the Holyrood building infrastructure; better use of mobile technology to support Members' work and enhancements to the Parliament's engagement with the public throughout Scotland.</p> <p>Members continue to rate the Scottish Parliamentary Service highly and our staff remain motivated and well supported to carry out their roles. This is not to underestimate the challenges that the future may bring</p>	

	<p>in the form of constitutional developments, changing powers, digital advancements and expectations of the Parliament generally. The SPCB continues to monitor and review such matters to anticipate future resource demand.</p>	
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