

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 2019:

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 £4,412k.</p> <p>Non-staff costs (excluding overseas travel and accommodation) associated with these activities amounted to £741k 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>	5,153
Overseas Travel & Accommodation	<p>Costs of £10k associated with Parliamentary Liaison Travel and Expenses, incurred by International Relations Office, are recorded here. These included attending Scotland Week in the USA and Canada and visits to the Parliament of Catalonia and House of Representatives in Cyprus. During the year to 31 March 2019, the SPCB spent an additional £53k 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>	63

Hospitality and Entertainment	Hospitality costs relate to external parties e.g. official functions and tea/coffee and buffet lunches for meetings with external parties.	4
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.	467
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 2018-19 of £139.9k 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>The Parliament budget is set at a level to provide a sustainable footing for the remainder of the current Parliamentary session and its medium term financial plan addressed known pressures, anticipated risks and opportunities to improve Parliament's performance in a planned and proportionate manner until the end of the session.</p> <p>The legislative and scrutiny demands in relation to BREXIT continue to be uncertain. In addition, the SPCB is continuing to support significant levels of business as we move into the last 18 months of the current sessions.</p> <p>There are regular BREXIT discussions on planning and resource impacts to ensure we have the right levels of expertise and capacity to support Members. Based on this planning, a number of additional temporary BREXIT posts were extended until the end of the current session.</p>	

	<p>The Parliament continues to improve our opportunities for engaging with citizens and visitors, and key to this is an open, accessible and welcoming Parliament building.</p> <p>Improvements to our perimeter security and the service yard entrance are planned which will enhance the safety and well-being of all who work and visit the Parliament building.</p>	
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