

Statement under Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 the Commission, along with other public bodies in Scotland, has a duty to publish annual public statements relating to our expenditure in the following areas:

- Public relations
- Overseas travel
- Hospitality and entertainment
- External consultancy

This statement covers the financial year 2022-23.

Public Relations

	£
Publications	6,661
Branding /Merchandising	1,871
Website	9,822
Media Monitoring	7,452
Interpretation	1,299
Photography	972
Total Public Relations	28,077

Hospitality and Entertainment

	£
Venue Hire	1,933
Catering	1,254
Participation costs/expenses	2,524
Visitor fees/expenses	771
Total Hospitality and Entertainment	6,482

Overseas Travel

As Scotland's National Human Rights Institution, it is inherent in the mandate of the Commission to take part in the international human rights system which involves international travel.

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Flights	2,997
Rail	204
Accommodation	4,665
Subsistence	1,146
Transfers, other transport	383

Total Overseas Travel	9,395
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External Consultancy

	£
Access to Justice discussion paper	2,400
Evaluation of Lived Experience Leadership group	4,000
Legal advice/consultancy	11,688
YouGov Audience Insight research	30,000
Open Budget Initiative (OBI) research	3,920
Total External Consultancy	52,008

Other information

Individual payments with a value in excess of £25,000: nil

Multiple payments with a cumulative total in excess of £25,000 – 2 separate payments of £15K to YouGov for Audience Insight Research, noted above, firstly for initial survey work, then for focus groups and analysis.

Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000: nil

In taking steps to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the exercise of our functions, the Commission:

- Has entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO), for the provision of financial services including management accounts and finance administration, payroll provision, HR services, and Cyber Security support and training.
- Continues to occupy shared premises with SPSO and the Children and Young People's Commissioner and the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner to maximise efficiency and value on property and facilities costs.
- Uses the Scottish Government's shared services platform for IT infrastructure and support.
- Has access to and use of framework contracts established by SPCB to maximise value and cost efficiency.
- Promotes hybrid working and uses technology such as video conferencing to minimise transport costs and impact where possible.