

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 2023-24.

Public Relations

Cost breakdown	Amount spent (£)
Publications	12,240
Branding /Merchandising	5,202
Website	12,402
Media Monitoring	8,000
Interpretation	1,030
Photography	720
Total Public Relations	39,594

Hospitality and Entertainment

Cost breakdown	Amount spent (£)
Venue Hire	1,948
Catering	3,138
Participation costs/expenses	3,031
Visitor fees/expenses	88
Total Hospitality and Entertainment	8,204

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.

Cost breakdown	Amount spent (£)
Flights	2,808
Rail	632
Accommodation	5,199
Subsistence	398
Transfers, other transport	186
Total Overseas Travel	9,222

External Consultancy

Cost breakdown	Amount spent (£)
Independent Governance Review	15,000
Theory of Change - development/implementation	15,648
Deinstitutionalisation research	7,536

Cost breakdown	Amount spent (£)
Legal advice/consultancy	8,370
Access to Justice research project	4,640
Total External Consultancy	51,813

Other Information

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

Multiple payments with a cumulative total in excess of £25,000 – nil.

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:

- Occupies shared premises with SPSO and the Children and Young Person's Commissioner and the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner to maximise efficiency and value on property and facilities costs.
- Operates Shared Services arrangements with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO), for the provision of financial admin and reporting, HR and payroll, Cyber Security support and training.
- Uses the Scottish Governments shared services platform for IT infrastructure and support (SCOTs/iTECS).
- Has access to and use of framework contracts established by SPCB to maximise value and cost efficiency.
- Conducts joint procurement with other officer holder partners where value can be added.
- Promotes hybrid working and uses technology such as video conferencing to minimise transport costs and impact where possible.