

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 2021-22.

Public Relations

Cost breakdown	Amount spent (£)
Publications	3,578
Website	5,407
Media monitoring	6,777
Interpretation	3,640
Photography	420
Total public relations	19,822

Hospitality and Entertainment

The Commission's expenditure on hospitality and entertainment normally relates to holding in person events. There was no expenditure on this in 2021-22 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overseas Travel

There was no expenditure on overseas travel during 2021-22.

External Consultancy

Cost breakdown	Amount spent (£)
Research on Access to Justice	3,000
Universal Periodic Review – outreach/engagement workshops	8,000
Total external consultancy	11,000

Other Information

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

Multiple payments with a cumulative total in excess of £25,000 (individual payments not exceeding £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 a shared building with SPSO and CYPSC, works with them to realise savings on property and facilities costs.
- Uses a shared services platform for IT with Scottish Government.
- Explores other shared services opportunities as they arise.
- Uses video conference and other technologies as appropriate to reduce our travel costs and environmental impact.

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 can involve some international travel under normal circumstances. Careful consideration is given to all overseas travel by the Commission. Due to COVID-19 no overseas travel took place in 2021-22.

Sustainability

The Commission's [Sustainability Report](#) is available on our website on the [Commission's publications page of our website](#).