

2011-12 Figures

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT TOTAL MEMBERS' EXPENDITURE FOR 2010-11 AND 2011-12

In 2011-12 the total costs reimbursed to or paid on behalf of Members, or borne by the SPCB on behalf of Members, was £12.819 million. This represented an increase of £0.969million or 8.18% on the previous year's corresponding figure of £11.849 million. Expenditure in 2011-12 includes £1.488 m of winding up expenses in respect of 48 Members who stood down or were not returned following the May 2011 election. Excluding this additional expenditure, the total reimbursed to Members for 2011-12 was £11.331 million representing a decrease of £0.518 million or 4.37%.

| Scheme | 2011-12 (£) | 2010-11 (£) | Change | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| Expenses | 12,324,300 | 11,338,274 | 986,026 | 8.70% |
| Party Leaders' Allowance | 38,368 | 39,829 | (1,461) | (3.67)% |
| Stationery and Postage Provision | 456,167 | 471,296 | (15,129) | (3.21)% |
| Totals | 12,818,835 | 11,849,399 | 969,436 | 8.18% |

DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT EXPENDITURE

Further details of individual Members' expenses and categories of expense are provided on the MSP expenses section of the Scottish Parliament website.

The following information is reported at an aggregate level only to take account of data protection considerations:

- Salary, pension and national insurance contributions of Members' employees in 2011-12 was £9,659,381 (2010-11: £8,841,339). This included winding up costs for Members staff of £1,485,026 in 2011-12.
- Total expenditure on childcare vouchers for 2011-12 was £34,308 (2010-11: £43,440)
- Total security related and disability provision expenditure for 2011-12 was £16,667 (2010-11:£6,012).

All other expenditure under the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme is available on the Members Expenses Scheme section of the Scottish Parliament website, with detail for individual Members.

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

There are arrangements in place for the central provision of equipment, furniture and office supplies to Members, the costs of which are not claimed against expenses. Equipment and furniture is procured for Members' use but remains the property of the SPCB.

STATIONERY AND POSTAGE PROVISION

Since 1 April 2009, Members may incur costs up to an annual capped limit of £5,500 on some items of postage and stationery. The guiding rule, as set out in the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament, is that stationery and postage must be used only for parliamentary duties and must not be used for any other purpose, including significant party political purposes.

Items such as plain paper and envelopes are provided centrally to Members and do not form part of the capped provision. However, items such as postage – including the pre-paid element, stamps, freepost, courier, parcels, parliamentary headed envelopes, costs of personalising office stationery to Members requirements and the printing of newsletters / surveys / annual reports must be charged to the capped provision up to the maximum annual limit, the Office Costs provision of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme or an amalgamation of both.

EXPENSES RATES

The table below indicates expenses and provision limits for the current and previous financial years. 2011-12 was an election year and, as such, the rates were on a pro-rata basis where appropriate.

| Expenses | Rate | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
| Office Cost Provision | £16,300 | £16,300 |
| Staff Cost Provision | £59,500 | £59,500 |
| Edinburgh Accommodation | | |
| • Annual Provision | £12,500 | £12,500 |
| • Overnight Limit | £139 | £139 |
| Overnight Expenses | | |
| • London, Brussels, Strasbourg | £163 | £163 |
| • UK (Excluding Greater London) | £139 | £139 |
| Surgery Advertising | £1,620 | £1,465 |
| Telecommunications | £1,229 | £1,229 |
| Mileage | | |
| • Motor Mileage | 40p per mile up to 10,000 miles | 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 25p per mile thereafter | 25p per mile thereafter |
| • Motor Cycle | 24p per mile | 24p per mile |
| • Pedal Cycle | 20p per mile | 20p per mile |
| Staff Travel Provision | | |
| • No. of journeys | 74 | 74 |
| Party Leaders Allowance | | |
| • Party with 15 to 29 Members | £14,217 | £14,217 |
| • Party with 30+ Members | £27,096 | £27,096 |
| Winding – Up | | |
| • Constituency Member | £5,433 | £5,433 |

All expenses rates have been frozen at 2010-11 levels up until 31 March 2013.