

**Section 31: Duty to provide information on certain expenditure incurred during 2022/23**

During the year ending 31 March 2023, the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland incurred expenditure associated with the categories provided within section 31 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 as follows:

<b>Section 31 (2) Expenditure</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Annual Expenditure (£)</b>
<b>(a) Public Relations</b>	
External PR Expenditure <b>See note 1</b>	51,894
Internal PR Expenditure - in house staffing <b>See note 1</b>	129,950
<b>Total</b>	<b>181,844</b>
<b>(b) Overseas Travel</b>	
<b>see note 2</b>	<b>24,415</b>
<b>(c) Hospitality and Entertainment</b>	
<b>see note 3</b>	<b>14,449</b>
<b>(d) External Consultancy</b>	
Research, Investigation and Examination	32,845
<b>Section 31 (3) Payments in Excess of £25,000</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Annual Expenditure (£)</b>
Individual Payment greater than £25,000 (none)	0
Multiple Payments greater than £25,000 (IT provision, support & capital expenditure)	35,361
<b>Section 31 (4) Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<b>Annual Expenditure (£)</b>
None	0

**Note 1:**

This published information has been prepared in line with the very broad definition of “Public Relations” under the legislation. The Commissioner has a statutory duty to raise awareness and understanding of the rights of children and young people. The reported expenditure includes:

- Production of human rights education resources created for children and young people, for example the design, printing and distribution of the “Let’s Explore Our Rights” book for early years children
- Other publications on rights, for example our investigation reports and annual reports,
- Maintenance of our website,
- Salary plus on costs of one full-time Senior Management Team post and one part-time officer grade post. These roles are broad communications roles and include but are not limited to, responsibilities for media relations, production of human rights resources and office publications, and supporting the participation of children and young people in the communications of the office.

**Note 2:**

Overseas travel is not accounted for separately and has been extracted based on the best information available. Overseas travel includes travel for young people, the Commissioner, and staff members to the European Network of Young Advisors in Bilbao, ENOC in Iceland and UN in Geneva.

**Note 3:**

Hospitality includes the office's 18th anniversary event in the Scottish Parliament. £8,686 of this expenditure is also included in external PR expenditure.

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