Section 31: Duty to provide information on certain expenditure incurred during 2023/24

During the year ending 31 March 2024, the Children & 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:

Section 31 (2) Expenditure	
Description	**Annual Expenditure (£)**
(a) Public Relations	
External PR Expenditure	71,245
Internal PR Expenditure - in house staffing	176,668
see note 1	**247,913**
(b) Overseas Travel	
see note 2	**18,783**
(c) Hospitality and Entertainment	
	4,051
(d) External Consultancy	
Research, Investigation and Examination	**20,400**
Section 31 (3) Payments in Excess of £25,000	
Description	**Annual Expenditure (£)**
Individual Payment greater than £25,000 (none)	**0**
Multiple Payments greater than £25,000 (IT & mobile telephony provision & support)	**48,105**
Section 31 (4) Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000	
Description	**Annual Expenditure (£)**
None	**0**

Note 1:
We have responded 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 our Strategic Plan research resources as well as the final plan.
- Other publications on rights, for example our investigation reports and annual reports
- Media monitoring
- Maintenance of our website
- BSL translations and other accessibility reporting and website developments
- Salary plus on costs of one full-time Senior Managment Team post and two part-time officer grade posts. 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 seperately and has been extracted based on the best information available. This includes travel for Commissioner, staff, and to support young people to travel to engage with international bodies such as the UN, as part of our role as an independant child rights institution.

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