

The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 came into effect on 1 October 2010. Sections 31 to 32 of the Act places duties on listed public bodies to provide and publish information on expenditure and certain other matters. The Act requires the SQA, along with other public bodies, to publish information on:

Expenditure in relation to:

- public relations
- overseas travel
- hospitality and entertainment
- external consultancy

Payments with a value in excess of £25,000
Members or employees who receive remuneration in excess of £150,000
Sustainable economic growth
Efficiency, effectiveness and economy

Expenditure information, to be disclosed under the requirements of the PSRA 2010 Act, is provided for each of the categories noted below where relevant.

- Core activity
- Programme grant activity
- Other Income generating activity
- SQA's function as Scotland's national awarding body.
- Government funded activity such as the Accreditation function and initiatives such as the Scottish Survey of Literacy and Numeracy and Curriculum for Excellence
- including international activity and specialised awarding.

ACTIVITY

PUBLIC RELATIONS	£000's
<i>Includes marketing, advertising campaigns, media relations, design, external events, conferences and exhibitions, sponsorship, publications and media planning.</i>	
Core activity and other income generating activity	1,695
Other Income generating activity	0
Programme grant activity	0
RNQ	0
TOTAL SPEND	1,695

OVERSEAS TRAVEL	£000's
<i>Includes the costs of overseas travel and all associated costs such as accommodation and incidental costs.</i>	
Core activity	101
Other Income generating activity	312
Programme grant activity	0
RNQ	0
TOTAL SPEND	413

HOSPITALITY & ENTERTAINMENT	£000's
<i>Includes the costs for any gifts, meals, parties, receptions, invitations or tickets to public, sporting, cultural or other events accorded by the SQA to its own members, employees or third parties, for whatever reason. The costs of reasonable travel, subsistence allowances and expenses necessarily incurred in relation to service as a member or employee are excluded.</i>	
Core activity	1
Other income generating activity	1
Programme grant activity	0
RNQ	0
TOTAL SPEND	1

EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS	£000's
<i>The Scottish Government defines "consultancy" as including a wide range of professional services such as management consultancy, IT consultancy, financial consultancy, construction or infrastructure related consultancy, research and evaluation and policy development. The expenditure contained in this section reflects this definition.</i>	
<i>The SQA mainly uses external consultancy, as defined, for services that support business improvement, such as the development of management, corporate and specific strategy, performance improvement, irregular specialist advice and guidance and business best practice and efficiency.</i>	
Core activity	66
Other income generating activity	48
Programme grant activity	13
RNQ	0
TOTAL SPEND	127

PAYMENTS WITH A VALUE IN EXCESS OF £25,000	£000's
<i>See separate schedule specifying the amount of each individual payment in excess of £25,000, the payee, the date paid, the subject matter and the activity category.</i>	
Core activity	10,913
Other income generating activity	0
Programme grant activity	0
RNQ	209
Combination	24,231
TOTAL SPEND	35,353

MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVED REMUNERATION IN EXCESS OF £150,000

No member or employee received this level of remuneration.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS & ECONOMY

A statement for each of the above is provided in the SQA's annual report and accounts.