

2015-16 Figures

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT TOTAL MEMBERS' EXPENDITURE FOR 2014-15 AND 2015-16

In 2015-16 the total costs reimbursed to or paid on behalf of Members, or borne by the SPCB on behalf of Members, was £12.771 million. This represented an increase of £0.272 million or 2.18% on the previous year's corresponding figure of £12.499 million.

Scheme	2015-16 (£)	2014-15 (£)	Change	
Expenses	12,236,778	11,958,996	277,782	2.32%
Party Leaders' Allowance	37,514	38,750	(1,236)	(3.19%)
Stationery and Postage Provision	496,632	500,975	(4,343)	(0.87)%
Totals	12,770,924	12,498,721	272,203	2.18%

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 2015-16 was £9,541,464 (2014-15: £9,169,549). This included winding up costs for Members' staff of £193,544 in 2015-16 (2014-15: £97,468).
- Total expenditure on childcare vouchers for 2015-16 was £27,574 (2014-15: £27,531)
- Total security related and disability provision expenditure for 2015-16 was £18,611 (2014-15: £19,720).

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. Stationery and postage must be used only for parliamentary duties and must not be used for any other purpose, including 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 2015-16 and the previous financial year.

Expenses	Rate	
	2015-16	2014-15
Office Cost Provision	£17,600	£17,400
Staff Cost Provision	£62,300	£61,000
Edinburgh Accommodation		
• Annual Provision	£13,600	£13,400
• Overnight Limit	£150	£148
Overnight Expenses		
• London, Brussels, Strasbourg	£175	£173
• UK (Excluding Greater London)	£150	£148
Surgery Advertising	£1,739	£1,720
Telecommunications	£1,320	£1,306
Mileage		
• Motor Mileage	45p per mile up to	45p per mile up to

	10,000 miles	10,000 miles
	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	£14,961	£14,688
• Party with 30+ Members	£28,514	£27,993
Winding – Up		
• Office Cost (Constituency Member)	£5,864	£5,800