

SCOTTISH COURT SERVICE PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM DISCLOSURE

Part 3 of the [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#) imposes new duties to publish information as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year. These duties came into force on 1 October 2010 by virtue of The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

The following sets out our policy in relation to disclosure of the various elements.

Payments with a value in excess of £25,000

Each quarter's information will be published as soon as possible during the year.

2010

[The first 9 months data](#) (April – December 2010)

2011

[January – March](#)

[April - June](#)

[June - September](#)

[October - December](#)

Duties to provide information on certain expenditure

The following categories of expenditure will be reported on in June 2011 and annually thereafter, in advance of the publication of our annual report and accounts but after external audit:

2010

Public relations

Includes – the cost of staff who wholly deal with internal and external communications, printing cost of annual report, website costs.

Excludes - advertising costs for recruitment of staff, the cost of producing internal newsletters, any literature, advertising or media campaigns that are associated with our core business activity (e.g. jurors' information, forms, fines media campaign).

Overseas travel

Includes – all costs relating to a trip outside of the UK (hotels, conference fees, travel and subsistence and any other related expenses).

Hospitality and entertainment

Includes – taking each event separately, any non-contractual, discretionary benefit provided to a person where the value exceeds £25.

Excludes – travel and subsistence allowances and the reimbursement of expenses that are reasonably incurred in relation to service as a member or employee of a public body (including directors).

External consultancy

We outsource much of our IT, Estates and FM services and developments and so we do make use of companies that are classified as business consultancies, though the services we procure may not always be consultancy in nature, we will disclose this information based on the company's classification.

Sustainable growth and efficiency, economy and effectiveness

Information on SCS contribution to these national priorities will be contained in the Annual Report and Accounts.

Further information

If you have an enquiry or if you wish to source further information then please contact foi@scotcourts.gov.uk