

CROFTING COMMISSION

Public Services Reform (Scotland) 2010 Act

Section 31: Duty to provide information on certain expenditure incurred during 2021/22.

During the year ending 31 March 2022, the Crofting Commission incurred expenditure associated with the categories provided within section 31 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 as follows:

Section 31 (2)			
Public Relations	Overseas Travel	Hospitality	Consultancy
£67,226*	£Nil	£2,611	£22,800***
£41,314**			

*Includes operational expenditure within the following categories:

- Statutory Regulatory Advertising
- Design & issue of Statutory Annual Notice (Crofting Census)
- Statutory Annual Report & Accounts: Including Gaelic translation
- Website Design, Development and Maintenance, including Gaelic translation
- General Publicity Costs
- Strategic Communications

**Some of the work undertaken by the Crofting Commission includes an element which falls within the definition of public relations work as contained within the Scottish Government guidance on compliance with the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. These activities include the formulation and dissemination of messages about the work and role of the Crofting Commission and on issues concerning our principal function, which is regulating crofting, re-organising crofting, promoting the interests of crofting and keeping under review matters relating to crofting. As it is not possible to identify the exact amount of time spent by staff on public relations work the Commission has published the overall salary costs associated with its Communications function. It should be noted that this does not represent the salary of one individual and also includes employer national insurance and pension contributions.

*** The Crofting Commission engaged two consultancies within 2021/22 to assist with audit recommendations:

- Glenshuraig Consulting Ltd (Independent Workforce Review)
- Jane Craigie Marketing Ltd: (To undertake review of the Crofting Commission Communications Strategy)

Section 31 (3) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year each listed public body must publish a statement specifying the amount, date, payee and subject-matter of any payment made during that financial year which has a value in excess of £25,000.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Description
08/09/2021	£31,715	Nature Scot	Share of Common Building Running Costs
07/10/2021	£64,995	Nature Scot	Share of Common Building Running Costs (Business Rates)
26/10/2021	£32,153	Nature Scot	Share of Common Building Running Costs
19/01/2022	£31,120	Nature Scot	Share of Common Building Running Costs
09/02/2022	£30,955	Nature Scot	Share of Common Building Running Costs
23/03/2022	£53,257	Democracy Technology Ltd	Crofting Elections 2022

Section 31 (4) Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000.

Response: None

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