

Public Services Reform Reporting for 2016-17

The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 requires NRS to publish information on our expenditure on the following areas:

- Public relations
- External consultancy
- Hospitality and Entertainment
- Overseas travel
- Staff remuneration in excess of £150,000
- Payments of more than £25,000 (excluding payments to staff)

| 2016-17 Statement of expenditure | 2016-17 |
|---|----------------|
| | £ |
| Public Relations | 3,083 |
| Overseas Travel | 9,040 |
| Hospitality & Entertainment | 8,026 |
| External Consultancy | 5,388 |
| Number of individuals who received remuneration in excess of £150,000 | 0 |
| Payments of more than £25,000 | 8,370,906 |

Notes:

Expenditure for Public Relations would include:

- Promotional Material (e.g. Leaflets, Posters, Photography, Annual Reports)
- External Events (e.g. Exhibitions and other promotional events)
- Media Work (e.g. Communications Team, Press Articles & Enquiries)
- Website

Expenditure for External Consultancy would include:

Any costs incurred from sending NRS employees out with the UK to attend business related activities.

Expenditure on for Hospitality & Entertainment would include:

Any costs incurred holding conferences and providing teas and coffees for external visitors directly related to business activities.

Expenditure on for External Consultancy would include:

Advice sought to support management in the delivery or design of a project or service. Such expenditure excludes any outsourced costs for buying service delivery.

Payments of more than £25,000

Payments include all individual payment transactions, including payments for goods and services, grants or grant-in-aid to third parties and transactions with government departments or other public bodies. It does not however include information relating to remuneration or other payments made to an individual in relation to their service as a member or employee of a public body (including office-holders and company directors or secretaries), such as salary, bonuses, allowances, fees, pension, voluntary severance, compromise agreements or redundancy payments. A full [list of individual transactions](#) in excess of £25,000 over the financial year 2016-17 can be found at the link.

In addition, the Act requires us to publish a statement of the steps they have taken during the financial year:

- i) To promote and increase sustainable economic growth:

A report on the achievement of NRS's policies and achievements in respect of sustainable development and the environment has been published within our [Annual Report and Accounts](#).

- ii) To improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy:

Information on the measures taken to improve the efficiency and effectiveness within NRS can be found within our [Annual Report and Accounts](#).