

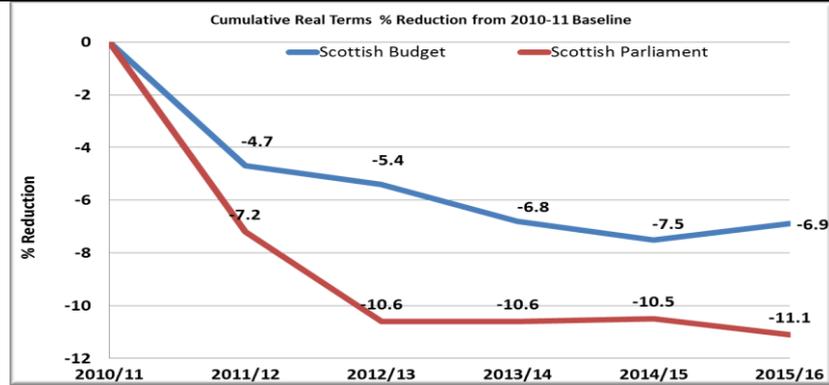
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Sections 31 (1) and (2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 impose duties on certain Scottish public bodies to publish information on expenditure and certain other matters. Whilst the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body is not required to comply with this disclosure, continuing its commitment to openness, transparency and accountability, the Scottish Parliament is publishing the following information for the financial year ended 31 March 2014:

Activity		Spend £'000
Engagement /Public Relations	<p>Engagement is regarded as a central aim of the Scottish Parliament. Expenditure on engagement includes all external communications, including the cost of in-house and contracted staff. The aggregate staff costs for the Scottish Parliament's Media Relations, Web and Social Media, Public Information and Publications, Broadcasting, Visitor Services, Events and Exhibitions, Education and Community Partnerships and UK and International Relations Office were £3,456k.</p> <p>Non-staff costs (excluding overseas travel and accommodation) associated with these activities amounted to £658k and covered expenditure such as printing leaflets and brochures, advertising, purchase of products for the shop, webcasting contract and education resources. The non-staff costs are shown net of shop and events income.</p>	4,114
Overseas Travel & Accommodation	<p>Costs of £28k associated with Parliamentary Liaison Travel and Expenses, incurred by UK and International Relations Office, are recorded here. These included attending Scotland Week in the USA and Commonwealth Parliamentary Association events in Guyana, South Africa and Canada. During the year to 31 March 2014, the SPCB spent an additional £13k on overseas travel, accommodation and incidental costs. This figure does not include any Members' Expenses Scheme travel and accommodation costs which are already published separately on the Scottish Parliament's website.</p>	41
Hospitality and	<p>Hospitality costs relate to external parties e.g. official functions and tea/coffee and buffet lunches for meetings</p>	2

Entertainment	with external parties.	
External Consultancy	External consultancy costs relate to the use of professional advisors to seek specific advice to aid decision makers in the Parliament that allow them to take more informed decisions. This includes programme management, advice on specific projects, Government Actuary's Department, committee advisors etc.	288
Members or Employees who receive remuneration in excess of £150,000		None
Sustainable economic growth	The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's purpose is to support, enable and promote the work of our Parliament and its Members. Direct activities to promote sustainable economic growth included providing funding in 2013-14 of £22k to the Scottish Parliament & Business Exchange and £84k to Scotland's Future Forum Limited. In addition, a variety of events are held under our engagement strategy to provide forums for members and organisations to meet.	
Efficiency, effectiveness and economy	The SPCB has consistently set its budget at a level which is in line with the real-terms reduction in the Scottish Budget over the period of the UK Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR). The chart below shows the projected real terms reductions in the SPCB's budget ¹ , measured against the equivalent reductions in the overall Scottish Budget for the five years from the 2010-11 baseline through to 2015-16.	

¹ The 'real terms' figures are calculated using the latest published Treasury deflators as at September 2014. SPCB budget figures exclude capital charges and non-cash items. The Scottish Budget figures show Total DEL expenditure. In order to provide a like for like comparison with previous years, the figures shown in this graph exclude the one-off funding requirement of £2.06m in 2014-15 for the Electoral Commission in relation to the Referendum.



We started a resource planning exercise in early 2010 to identify saving options well before the CSR was published. This enabled the SPCB to target the majority of its required savings towards the start of the five year period.

The drive to improve efficiency has been achieved against a backdrop where the demands on the Parliamentary Service have remained strong and indeed are expected to increase to support the Parliament in meeting the heavy workload expected over the remainder of this Session.

