

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Thursday 10 September 2026 (Session 7)

Reimbursement of Members Expenses' Scheme – Travel Provision Application

Executive summary

1. The SPCB is invited to consider an application from the Labour Parliamentary Group to have travel costs incurred from attendance at a Group Awayday in Stirling to be met from the Reimbursement of the Members' Expenses Scheme.
2. The Scheme Guidance in paragraph 1.10, provides for such costs to be met with prior approval from the SPCB in relation to Members attending a party group meeting out with Edinburgh and in any other place in Scotland. Group meetings in Edinburgh do not need prior approval from the SPCB

Issues and options

3. An application has been received from the Labour Party Group to the SPCB for the cost of Labour Group members travel to be met from the Travel Provision relating to the Group Awayday in Stirling proposed for October 2026.
4. The Group propose to meet venue costs for the awayday from within their short money allocation.
5. It has been confirmed that all Labour MSPs are expected to attend, the agenda is entirely focused on the work of the Scottish Parliament Labour Group and their parliamentary and committee work. Resource Unit Staff will also attend to support Members.
6. The SPCB is invited to consider this application based on the information provided. As the scheme makes provision for such costs, it is recommended that the SPCB agree to meet the costs of the travel.

Governance

7. There are no governance issues as the Scheme provides for Members travel and applying to the SPCB for the costs to be met from the Scheme.

Resource implications

8. Should the SPCB determine that the costs should be met it is confirmed that there are sufficient funds available within the overall Members budget for 2026-27.

Publication Scheme

9. This paper can be published in accordance with the SPCB's publication Scheme.

Next steps

10. Advise the group of the SPCB's decision, and if the SPCB agree the travel costs can be met from the Scheme then process any claims submitted through My Expenses.

Decision

11. The SPCB is invited to consider an application from the Labour Group for the cost of travel to be met from the Members' Expenses Scheme for attendance at the Labour Parliamentary Group Away day in October 2026.

Travel and Expenses Office

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