

BÒRD NA GÀIDHLIG

PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM (SCOTLAND ACT) 2010: STATEMENT FOR 2018/19

Under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, we have, along with other public bodies in Scotland, a duty to publish annual public statements relating to our expenditure in the following areas:

- Public relations
- Overseas travel
- Hospitality and entertainment
- External consultancy

In addition, the Act requires public bodies to publish details on:

- Payments with a value in excess of £25,000
- Employees/members who receive remuneration in excess of £150,000.

Furthermore, the Act requires public bodies to publish a statement of the steps it has taken during that financial year to:

- Promote and increase sustainable growth through the exercise of its functions
- Improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy in the exercise of its functions.

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010	
Bòrd na Gàidhlig for Financial Year 2018-19	
Activity	Spend 2018/19
Public relations	£75,453
Overseas travel	£955
Hospitality and entertainment	£5,027
External consultancy	£0
Payments with a value in excess of £25,000	£1,958,638
Remunerations received in excess of £150,000	Nil

About Us

Bòrd na Gàidhlig is an executive non-departmental public body, responsible through Ministers to the Scottish Parliament.

Established under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 (The Act) Bòrd na Gàidhlig is the principal public body in Scotland responsible for promoting Gaelic development and providing advice to the Scottish Ministers on Gaelic issues.

Under the Act, the Bòrd has the general functions of—

(a) promoting, and facilitating the promotion of—

- (i) the use and understanding of the Gaelic language, and
- (ii) Gaelic education and Gaelic culture,

(b) advising (either on request or when it thinks fit) the Scottish Ministers, public bodies and other persons exercising functions of a public nature on matters relating to the Gaelic language, Gaelic education and Gaelic culture,

(c) advising (on request) other persons on matters relating to the Gaelic language, Gaelic education and Gaelic culture,

(d) monitoring, and reporting to the Scottish Ministers on, the implementation of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages dated 5 November 1992 in relation to the Gaelic language.

Full details of Bòrd na Gàidhlig's activities can be found in our annual report and accounts

<http://www.gaidhlig.scot/bord/corporate/corporate-policies/>.

Promotion of sustainable growth

Whilst Bòrd na Gàidhlig currently has no environmental targets set by Scottish Government, it takes environmental matters seriously and adopts environmentally-focussed practices where possible. We will strive to operate in an environmentally sustainable manner and encourage environmentally sustainable behaviours in our activities.

Measures taken to reduce the Bòrd's environmental footprint include moving to paper-less meetings through the use of tablet devices, using telephone or video-conference whenever possible, and minimising staff and Board member travel.

The National Performance Framework – 'Scotland Performs' – measures and keeps track of how Scotland is performing in relation to the Scottish Government's purpose and strategic objectives. It sets out 16 National Outcomes that describe what the Government wants to achieve.

Alignment to the National Outcomes helps to sharpen the focus of government agencies and provides a clear structure for delivery. Although our work contributes to some extent to all these outcomes, Bòrd na Gàidhlig will monitor our performance against seven of them.

Efficiency, effectiveness and economy

Bòrd na Gàidhlig is constantly engaged in identifying opportunities to increase efficiency, lower costs and improve service quality. It is required to ensure that funds held at the financial year-end are less than £100k (2% of annual income) and ensure that costs are contained within funding available, principally the Grant-in-Aid from Scottish Government.

Improvements in efficiency and effectiveness are constantly sought in all areas of the Bòrd's operations. The Bòrd has its principal office at Great Glen House, Leachkin Road, Inverness. This office is occupied on a shared-service basis with Scottish Natural Heritage. Some other premises used by Bòrd staff are also occupied on a similar basis. This cost saving arrangement has been in place since 2012. The space occupied is kept to a minimum and hot-desking is used to support this objective. Other services such as HR advice are also obtained wherever possible on a cost-sharing basis.

Payments with a value in excess of £25,000

Payment Date	Payee	Subject Matter	Amount £
23.04.2018	Edinburgh City Council	Development Grant Instalment	71,200
01.05.2018	An Comunn Gaidhealach	Development Grant Instalment	39,400

04.05.2018	Comhairle nan Leabhraichean	Development Grant Instalment	59,750
04.05.2018	Comunn na Gaidhlig	Development Grant Instalment	108,750
04.05.2018	Ionad Chalum Chille	Development Grant Instalment	27,500
08.05.2018	Storlann	Development Grant Instalment	76,250
21.06.2018	Highland Council	Development Grant Instalment	68,898
21.06.2017	Feisean nan Gaidheal	Development Grant Instalment	36,000
12.07.2018	Comunn na Gaidhlig	Development Grant Instalment	108,750
18.07.2018	Ionad Chalum Chille	Development Grant Instalment	27,500
18.07.2018	Theatre gu Leor	Development Grant Instalment	38,500
12.07.2018	An Comunn Gaidhealach	Development Grant Instalment	39,400
22.08.2018	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Development Grant Instalment	56,000
27.08.2018	Comhairle nan Leabhraichean	Development Grant Instalment	59,750
05.09.2018	Highland Council	Development Grant Instalment	25,840
06.09.2018	Highland Council	Development Grant Instalment	41,800
12.09.2018	Storlann	Development Grant Instalment	76,250
14.09.2018	Edinburgh City Council	Development Grant Instalment	31,200
02.10.2018	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Development Grant Instalment	56,000
09.10.2018	Comunn na Gaidhlig	Development Grant Instalment	93,750
01.11.2018	Ionad Chalum Chille	Development Grant Instalment	27,500
23.11.2018	Comhairle nan Leabhraichean	Development Grant Instalment	58,250
23.11.2018	Feisean nan Gaidheal	Development Grant Instalment	36,000
23.11.2018	Feisean nan Gaidheal	Development Grant Instalment	26,000
06.12.2018	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Development Grant Instalment	30,400
17.12.2018	Storlann	Development Grant Instalment	56,250
21.01.2019	Comunn na Gaidhlig	Development Grant Instalment	93,750
12.02.2019	Comhairle nan Leabhraichean	Development Grant Instalment	58,250
12.02.2019	Feisean nan Gaidheal	Development Grant Instalment	26,000
14.02.2019	Strathclyde University	Development Grant Instalment	32,000
22.02.2019	Ionad Chalum Chille	Development Grant Instalment	27,500
07.03.2019	Storlann	Development Grant Instalment	56,250
07.03.2019	Giglets	Development Grant Instalment	39,200
08.03.2019	Tobar an Dualchais	Development Grant Instalment	35,000
13.03.2019	Reach Publishing Services	Sponsorship Education Awards	30,000
29.03.2019	Strathclyde University	Development Grant Instalment	64,000
29.03.2019	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Development Grant Instalment	74,800
29.03.2019	Sabhal Mor Ostaig	Development Grant Instalment	45,000
		TOTAL	1,958,638