

**Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010:
Duties on the Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland to provide information.**

The Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland is required by section 31 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 to publish as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year a statement of any expenditure incurred during that financial year on or in connection with the following:

- Public Relations;
- Overseas Travel;
- Hospitality and Entertainment; and
- External Consultancy

Statement of Expenditure for Financial Year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

Expenditure in financial year 2010/11 totalled **£25,470.69** broken down as follows:

Expenditure for Public Relations – total £7,447.57.

Includes the costs of publishing the Regulator's Annual Report to the Scottish Ministers on the quality of drinking water in Scotland as well as costs associated with, and upgrades to, the Regulator's website.

Overseas Travel – total £1,862.71.

Expenditure relates to attendance at meetings and workshops with the other UK Water Quality Regulators, the European Commission and international partners such as the World Health Organisation to promote safe drinking water for human consumption, share experience and best practice.

Hospitality and Entertainment – nil

No expenditure was incurred under this category for financial year 2010/11.

External Consultancy – total £16,160.41

The majority of the expenditure, amounting to £13,158.12, related to using Sopra Group Ltd to improve the performance of the DWQR data warehouse and carry out additional work to increase its capability and functionality. This work will help us deal more efficiently with our data. The remaining £3,002.29 of this expenditure was associated with maintaining our ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) accreditation.