

Consultancy Expenditure: Year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

The Scottish Government defines 'consultancy' as including a wide range of professional services such as management consultancy, IT consultancy, financial consultancy, construction and infrastructure related consultancy, research and evaluation and policy development. Therefore, the expenditure contained in this section reflects this definition of external consultancy.

Audit Scotland mainly uses external consultancy to undertake specific pieces of work which requires expertise which is not readily available in house.

The following report shows the expenditure by Audit Scotland in relation to external consultancy for the period **1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021**

Payee	Amount	Date	Description
YOURgb Events Ltd	2250	14/05/2020	Consultancy - virtual conference planning
Edinburgh Innovations	2567.83	10/07/2020	Consultancy - Statistical Methodology
Fraser Consulting	1440.00	28/08/2020	Consultancy - Equality and Diversity
Plan B Consultancy	840	01/12/2020	Consultancy - Business Continuity
QCG Ltd	1320	19/10/2020	Consultancy - Regulators Survey
P A Advocacy Ltd	2,700.00	15/01/2021	
P A Advocacy Ltd	2,700.00	17/03/2021	Consultancy - Survey
Cabinet Office	204,500.00	03/03/2021	Consultancy - National Fraud Initiative
Prof John Macinnes	3,277.50	19/03/2021	Consultancy - Statistical analysis
Total year to date	<u>221,595.33</u>		