

**Statement of Expenditure of
"Parliamentary Activities Allowance"
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act 1938 as amended by the
Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Amendment) Act, 2014 (the Act)

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Part 1. Independent member

Name of independent member:

FRANCES BLACK

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

WHELAN DOWLING & ASSOCIATES

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Standards in Public Office Commission
Received

31 MAR 2025

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act:

23,839.44

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period:

37,145.71

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

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| a) technical or specialist advice | 477.76 |
| b) research and training | 22,355.50 |
| c) policy formulation | 4,850.77 |
| d) provision of consultants' services | 553.50 |
| e) polling or public attitude sampling | |
| f) entertainment | |

Total expenditure

28,237.53

Balance of funding carried forward:

37,747.62

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:

Francis Black

Date:

25.03.2025

Part 4. Details of Expenditure

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| a. | Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives |
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Technical Advice / IT etc.	€ 477.76
- Invoice CEG / Alice Mary Higgins	
Total	€ 477.76

b. Expenditure on research and training

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Research, policy, parliamentary Support	
- Invoices Seán Egan	€21,310
- Invoice Sebastian M'Ateere	€1,045.50
Total	€ 22,355.50

c. Expenditure on policy formulation	
1. Policy formulation	100
2. Policy implementation	100
3. Policy evaluation	100
4. Policy monitoring	100
5. Policy adjustment	100
6. Policy review	100
7. Policy revision	100
8. Policy termination	100
9. Policy continuation	100
10. Policy renewal	100
11. Policy replacement	100
12. Policy modification	100
13. Policy expansion	100
14. Policy contraction	100
15. Policy consolidation	100
16. Policy decentralization	100
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Policy meetings (see invoices)	€2,207.02
Policy formulation (Sadaka)	€2,500.00
Policy formulation (Carmelite)	€143.75
Total	€4,850.77

e. Expenditure on polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

f. Expenditure on entertainment
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Details of Expenditure		Amount (€)
Nature of event (e.g. School group refreshments; lunch for OAPs; etc.)	Number attending	
	Total	€

Part 5.

Auditor's report to the Standards in Public Office Commission

on statement of expenditure of the

annual allowance paid to an independent member

under

The Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act 1938

as amended by

The Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices)(Amendment) Act, 2014

("the Act").

I am reporting, as required by section 10B of the Act, on the statement of expenditure from the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 signed by independent member:

[Name of independent member]

Franco Black

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said allowance and its disbursement. The statement of expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

- the statement of expenditure properly presents the expenditure of the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 and the balance not applied at that date.
- the disbursements have been applied to expenses arising out of parliamentary activities as defined in section 10H(1) of the Act.

Signature of Auditor: _____

Name of Auditor: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

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Whelan Dowling & Associates
Block 1 Units 1 & 4 Northwood Court
Santry
Dublin 9

Signature of Auditor: 
Name of Auditor: Seamus Whelan F.C.A.
Company Name: Whelan Dowling & Associates
Date: 27/3/25

Explanatory Notes

Statement of Expenditure of "Parliamentary Activities Allowance" 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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The independent member should read the Commission's guidelines and, if necessary, request assistance on completion of the form from the Standards Commission secretariat (see telephone numbers at the end of the page).

The independent member should also note the following

- **specific** details must be given, under the individual headings, of the actual matters to which the funding was applied;
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The completed Statement of Expenditure and the Public Auditor's report, should reach the Standards in Public Office Commission, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773, not later than 31 March 2025.

Standards in Public Office Commission:

Contact Details:

Telephone: 01 6395666
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Part 1. Independent member

Name of Independent member:

Senator Victor Boyhan

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

John Connolly, CPA/CAI

Address:

GMK (Audit & Consulting) Limited
Windsor House
14 Windsor Terrace
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Co Dublin

Telephone Number:

01-2806954

Email address:

khasson@gaffneymckeon.ie

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act:

€23,839.44

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period: €64,353.20

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

- | | |
|--|------------|
| a) technical or specialist advice | €4,137.50 |
| b) research and training | Nil |
| c) policy formulation | €14,214.11 |
| d) provision of consultants' services | €4,913.18 |
| e) polling or public attitude sampling | Nil |
| f) entertainment | <u>Nil</u> |

Total expenditure

€23,264.79

Balance of funding carried forward:

€64,927.85

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:

Date:


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31/3/2025
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Part 4. Details of Expenditure

a.	Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total for the Year	4,137.50
Total	4,137.50

b.	Expenditure on research and training
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
	NIL
Total	NIL

c. Expenditure on policy formulation

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total for the Year	14,214.11
Total	14,214.11

d. Expenditure on the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total for the Year	4,913.18
Total	4,913.18

f.	Expenditure on entertainment
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Details of Expenditure		Amount (€)
Nature of event (e.g. School group refreshments; lunch for OAPs; etc.)	Number attending	
		NIL
	Total	NIL

Part 5.

**Auditor's report to the Standards in Public Office Commission
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**The Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices)(Amendment) Act, 2014
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I am reporting, as required by section 10B of the Act, on the statement of expenditure from the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 signed by independent member:

[Name of independent member]


Victor Boyhan

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said allowance and its disbursement. The statement of expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

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Signature of Auditor: 

Name of Auditor: John Connolly

Company Name: GMK (Audit & Consulting) Limited

Date: 31 March 2025

Explanatory Notes

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Part 1. Independent member

Name of independent member:

SENATOR.....TOM.....CLONAN

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

WHELAN DOWLING & ASSOCIATES

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Telephone Number:

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Email address:

info@wda.ie.....

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act:

23,839.44

78.19

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period:

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

a) technical or specialist advice

1,561.57

b) research and training

19.55

c) policy formulation

19,549.27

d) provision of consultants' services

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e) polling or public attitude sampling

-

f) entertainment

117.65

Total expenditure

21,248.04

Balance of funding carried forward:

2,669.59

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:

Date:

Part 4. Details of Expenditure

a.	Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total expenditure	1,561.57
Total	€ 1,561.57

b.	Expenditure on research and training	
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total Research + Training	19.55
Total	€ 19.55

c. Expenditure on policy formulation

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
<i>Total For Policy Formulation</i>	<i>19,549.27</i>
Total	<i>€ 19,549.27</i>

d. Expenditure on the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

e. Expenditure on polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

f. Expenditure on entertainment
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Details of Expenditure		Amount (€)
Nature of event (e.g. School group refreshments; lunch for OAPs; etc.)	Number attending	
Total for entertainment		117.65
	Total	€ 117.65

Part 5.

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**The Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices)(Amendment) Act, 2014
("the Act").**

I am reporting, as required by section 10B of the Act, on the statement of expenditure from the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 signed by independent member:

[Name of independent member]

TOM CLONAN

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said allowance and its disbursement. The statement of expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

- the statement of expenditure properly presents the expenditure of the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 and the balance not applied at that date.
- the disbursements have been applied to expenses arising out of parliamentary activities as defined in section 10H(1) of the Act.

Whelan Dowling & Associates
Chartered Accountants
&
Registered Auditors

Signature of Auditor: Seán Whelan

Name of Auditor: SEAN WHELAN F.C.A.

Company Name: WHELAN DOWLING & ASSOCIATES

Date: 27/3/25

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Part 1. Independent member

Name of independent member:

Senator Gerard P. Craughwell

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor: PKF Brenson Lawlor.

Address:

Brenson Lawlor House
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Morehampton Road,
Donnybrook,
Dublin 4
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Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act: €23,839.44

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period: €3,346.02

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

- | | |
|--|------------|
| a) technical or specialist advice | €3,356.53 |
| b) research and training | €4,962.87 |
| c) policy formulation | €15,097.69 |
| d) provision of consultants' services | €0 |
| e) polling or public attitude sampling | €0 |
| f) entertainment | €0 |

Total expenditure €23,417.09

Balance of funding carried forward: €3,768.37

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:



Date:

26th March 2025

Part 4. Details of Expenditure

a. Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Video Parliament	€500.00
Administration Advice	€800.00
Cyber Security Specialist Advice	€679.66
Photography	€200.00
Annual Audit	€922.50
Zoom	€36.88
Bank Fees	€85.14
Legal Advice	€67.40
Victory Service Specialist Club	€64.95
Total	€3,356.53

b. Expenditure on research and training

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Research of Cyber Security in Estonia	€3003.44
Cyber Research in Ireland	€382.34
Admin Training	€200.00
Irish Veterans (ONE) to England's NSE to research how to help military veterans.	€1377.09
Total	€4,962.87

c. Expenditure on policy formulation

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Meetings, European, Local and National Events attendance.	15,097.69
Total	€15,256.50

d. Expenditure on the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€NIL

e. Expenditure on polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€NIL

f.	Expenditure on entertainment
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I am reporting, as required by section 10B of the Act, on the statement of expenditure from the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023 signed by independent member
[Senator Gerard P. Craughwell]

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

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Signature of Auditor:

Name of Auditor:

Company Name:

Date:

Thomas Mc Donald
Thomas Mc Donald
PKF Brenson Lawlor
26th March 2023

PKF Brenson Lawlor Limited

Chartered Accountants

Argyle Square

Morehampton Road

Donnybrook

Dublin 4, D04 W9W7

Tel: 01-6689760

E-Mail: info@pkfbl.ie

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Part 1. Independent member

Name of independent member:

Alice - Mary Higgins

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

Whelan Dawling & Associates

Address:

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Northwood Court, Sarsary, DO9 E638

Telephone Number:

T. 01-6771611

Email address:

info@wda.ie

Standards in Public Office Commission
Received

27 MAR 2025

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act:

23,839.44

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period:

25,727.38

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

- a) technical or specialist advice 2,169.82
- b) research and training 7,228.88
- c) policy formulation 10,386.40
- d) provision of consultants' services 5,122.82
- e) polling or public attitude sampling
- f) entertainment

Total expenditure

24,907.92

Balance of funding carried forward:

24,658.90

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:

Alice Mary Hyman

Date:

21/3/2025

Part 4. Details of Expenditure

a.	Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Director's laptop Rental	€ 300
Insurance - work phone	€ 97.09
Carwa Pro	€ 67.96
Mailchimp subscription	€ 618.02
Distribution services - Azure	€ 745.60
Subly subtitling	€ 318.15
Bank charges	€ 63.00
Total	€ 2,169.82

b. Expenditure on research and training	
1. Research and development	100
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Subscriptions for Policy Research	721.88
NUI Research	338.00
Research - Air Navigation and Transport Bill	2800.00
Research - Planning and Development Bill	369.00
Research - Defence Emissions, UNFCCC Submission	3000.00
Total	€ 7,228.88

c.	Expenditure on policy formulation
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Staff ^{team} meeting	45.10
Policy formulation and research support	6880.00
CEG Policy Meetings	831.15
European Youth Parliament Iceland Conference	100.00
Arms Embargo Bill event	165.00
SIPTU Mackiewicz Summer School	14.29
Planning and Development Bill	1800.00
CEG Think In	580.86
Total	€ 10,386.40

d.	Expenditure on the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Whelan Douing; Associates	492.00
Whelan Douing; Associates	553.50
PR services - graphic design	800.00
PR services	1353.00
PR services - graphic design	960.00
Consultants services - website development	964.32
Total	€ 5,122.82

e. Expenditure on polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Total	€

f. Expenditure on entertainment
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Details of Expenditure		Amount (€)
Nature of event (e.g. School group refreshments; lunch for OAPs; etc.)	Number attending	
	Total	€

Part 5.

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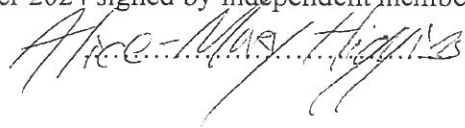
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The Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices)(Amendment) Act, 2014

("the Act").

I am reporting, as required by section 10B of the Act, on the statement of expenditure from the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 signed by independent member:

[Name of independent member]



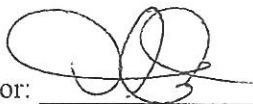
I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said allowance and its disbursement. The statement of expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

- the statement of expenditure properly presents the expenditure of the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 and the balance not applied at that date.
- the disbursements have been applied to expenses arising out of parliamentary activities as defined in section 10H(1) of the Act.

Signature of Auditor:



Name of Auditor:

Doreen Carrion fca

Company Name:

Whelan Dowling & Associates

Date:

24/3/25

Whelan Dowling & Associates
Chartered Accountants
&
Registered Auditors

**Statement of Expenditure of
"Parliamentary Activities Allowance"
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act 1938 as amended by the
Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Amendment) Act, 2014 (the Act)

Please complete this form in black pen

Part 1. Independent member

Name of independent member:

SHARON KEENE

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

Pat Kennedy of Donnybrook, Dublin

Address:

35, Longfield
Glenview Road, Dublin

Telephone Number:

T 01-6904260

Email address:

pkennedy@donnybrook.ie

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act:

..... 23839.44

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period:

..... 17054.94

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

a) technical or specialist advice

..... 2081.66

b) research and training

..... 3845.00

c) policy formulation

..... 15174.09

d) provision of consultants' services

..... 799.00

e) polling or public attitude sampling

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f) entertainment

Total expenditure

..... 21899.75

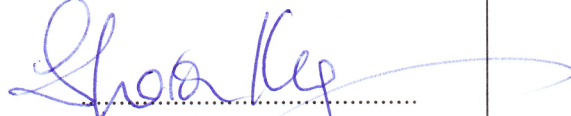
Balance of funding carried forward:

..... 18994.68

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:



Date:

..... 31st March 2025

Part 4. Details of Expenditure

a.	Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Lesley Richards	1281-66
Samantha Long	800-00.
Total	€ 2081-66.

b. Expenditure on research and training
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
MAX TAYLOR	400-00.
Paul Ring	3445-00
Total	€3845-00.

c. Expenditure on policy formulation

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Zoom Meta Google Irish Times Gript	2513-57.
Various	113-90
Various	757-63.
Veed Canva Reads Viking Anglo Blade.	2805-09.
Various	2753-87.
Various	3675-10.
Various	2219-05.
Bibly	335-88.
Total	€15174-09.

d. Expenditure on the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Amort Services	799-00.
Total	€799-00.

e.	Expenditure on polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives
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f. Expenditure on entertainment
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Details of Expenditure		Amount (€)
Nature of event (e.g. School group refreshments; lunch for OAPs; etc.)	Number attending	
	Total	€

Part 5.

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**The Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices)(Amendment) Act, 2014
("the Act").**

I am reporting, as required by section 10B of the Act, on the statement of expenditure from the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 signed by independent member:

[Name of independent member]

SHARON KEOGHAN
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I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said allowance and its disbursement. The statement of expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

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- the disbursements have been applied to expenses arising out of parliamentary activities as defined in section 10H(1) of the Act.

Signature of Auditor:

Name of Auditor:

Company Name:

Date:

Paul Conboy
PAUL CONBOY
Dempsey Mullin Accountants
31/12/2025

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Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act 1938 as amended by the
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Please complete this form in black pen

Part 1. Independent member

Name of independent member:

SENATOR MICHAEL McDOWELL

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

WHELAN DOOLING & ASSOCIATES

Address:

BLOCK 1, UNITS 1 & 4, NORTHWOOD
SANTRY, D09 E438 COURT

Telephone Number:

T. 01 6771411

Email address:

info@wda.ie

Standards in Public Office Commission
Received

24 MAR 2025

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act:

€23,839-44

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period:

€78,481-23

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

a) technical or specialist advice

€1230-00

b) research and training

nil

c) policy formulation

€46,286-32

d) provision of consultants' services

€3413-75

e) polling or public attitude sampling

nil

f) entertainment

nil

Total expenditure

€50,930-07

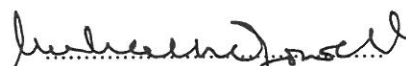
Balance of funding carried forward:

€51,390-60

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:



Date:

13/3/2025

Part 4. Details of Expenditure

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| a. | Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives |
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Technical & specialist advice total	€1230-00
Total	€1230-00.

b.	Expenditure on research and training
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Nil.	
Total	€ Nil.

c. Expenditure on policy formulation

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Policy formulation total	€46286-32
Total	€46,286-32

d. Expenditure on the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Consultants' service totals	3413-75
Total	€3413-75.

e. Expenditure on polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Nil.	
Total	€ Nil.

f. Expenditure on entertainment
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Details of Expenditure		Amount (€)
Nature of event (e.g. School group refreshments; lunch for OAPs; etc.)	Number attending	
Nil.		
	Total	€ Nil.

Part 5.

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("the Act").**

I am reporting, as required by section 10B of the Act, on the statement of expenditure from the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 signed by independent member:

[Name of independent member]

Senator Michael McDowell

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said allowance and its disbursement. The statement of expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

- the statement of expenditure properly presents the expenditure of the allowance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 and the balance not applied at that date.
- the disbursements have been applied to expenses arising out of parliamentary activities as defined in section 10H(1) of the Act.

Signature of Auditor:



Name of Auditor:

Darren Carrick

Company Name:

Whelan Dowling & Associates

Date:

18/3/2025

**Whelan Dowling & Associates
Chartered Accountants
&
Registered Auditors**

01 APR 2025

Explanatory Notes

Statement of Expenditure of "Parliamentary Activities Allowance" 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act 1938 as amended by the
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The independent member should read the Commission's guidelines and, if necessary, request assistance on completion of the form from the Standards Commission secretariat (see telephone numbers at the end of the page).

The independent member should also note the following

- specific details must be given, under the individual headings, of the actual matters to which the funding was applied;
- the completed Statement of Expenditure must be accompanied by a report by a Public Auditor as set out at Part 5 of the form;
- the Act provides that no further payment of an allowance under the legislation will be made after 30 April in any year to an independent member who has not furnished a Statement of Expenditure and accompanying Public Auditor's report to the Standards Commission.

The completed Statement of Expenditure and the Public Auditor's report, should reach the Standards in Public Office Commission, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773, not later than 31 March 2025.

Standards in Public Office Commission:

Contact Details:

Telephone: 01 6395666
Email: info@sipo.ie
Website: www.sipo.ie
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Part 1. Independent member

Name of independent member:

LYNN RUANE

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Email address:

Part 2. Public Auditor

Name of Public Auditor:

WHELAN DOWLING & ASSOCIATES

Address:

BLOCK 1, UNIT 1 + 4.....
NORTHWOOD COURT, SANTRY
D09 E438

Telephone Number:

T 01-677 1411.....

Email address:

dcarrick@wda.ie.....

Part 3. Details of Funding Received

1 January to 31 December 2024

Total funding received under the Act:

23,839.44

Amount of funding brought forward from previous period:

734.04

Expenditure (as detailed in attached schedules):

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|--|-----------|
| a) technical or specialist advice | 3,170.54 |
| b) research and training | 5,385.01 |
| c) policy formulation | 14,676.66 |
| d) provision of consultants' services | 733.00 |
| e) polling or public attitude sampling | 276.80 |
| f) entertainment | 158.95 |

Total expenditure

24,400.96

Balance of funding carried forward:

171.51

I confirm that

- none of the funding was applied in connection with Dáil, Seanad, European, presidential or local election expenses or in connection with referendum expenses.
- No other claims for funding have been submitted in relation to this expenditure.

Signature:

Lynn Ruane

Date:

29/03/2025

Part 4. Details of Expenditure

a.	Expenditure on the provision of technical or specialist advice likely to be required in connection with legislative proposals or potential parliamentary initiatives
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (£)
Domain Renewal	36.89
Zoom	184.38
Bank Charges	26.40
Vimeo	221.40
Microsoft	69.99
LinkedIn	103.98
Design	1,507.50
Policy Advice	1,020.00
Total	€ 3,170.54

b. Expenditure on research and training	
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Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Guest speaker - accomadation costs	290
Research Event- travel	102.11
Research Event	3,145.30
Research Event - refreshments	86.24
Strategy Event	88.48
Training day - refreshments	1,172.88
Workshop (Mountjoy prism)	500
Total	€ 5,385.01

c. Expenditure on policy formulation

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Crime Reform Policy	41.55
OSCE	260.46
Policy Design	1000
Policy Drafters	180
Policy Meetings	5099.06
Policy Meetings - travel	2442.93
Publishing Information	2028.70
Research and Policy Support	1731.88
Think In	492.08
WG	1400
Total	€ 14,676.66

d. Expenditure on the provision of consultants' services, including the engagement of public relations consultants

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
WDA Audit Fee	553.50
ActiveLink	180.00
Total	€ 733.50

e. Expenditure on polling or public attitude sampling in connection with parliamentary debates or initiatives

Details of Expenditure	Amount (€)
Meals for speakers	276.80
Total	€ 276.80

f. Expenditure on entertainment

Details of Expenditure		Amount (€)
Nature of event (e.g. School group refreshments; lunch for OAPs; etc.)	Number attending	
Lunch		38.50
Focus Group T4 Students		120.45
	Total	€ 158.95

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[Name of independent member]

Lynn Ruane

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit.

Proper accounting records have been kept in respect of the said allowance and its disbursement. The statement of expenditure is in agreement with the accounting records.

In my opinion

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**Whelan Dowling & Associates
Chartered Accountants
&
Registered Auditors**

Signature of Auditor:

[Signature]

Name of Auditor:

Doreen Carrigan

Company Name:

Whelan Dowling & Associates

Date:

31/3/25