

**2. So far, how much has the Scottish Government spent on the Human Rights Bill? (if possible, can you break that cost down).**

Costs incurred by the Scottish Government on the development of proposals for the Human Rights Bill are outlined in Table 1 below. Costs have been provided from May 2021, when the current Scottish Government was elected and subsequently committed to bringing forward the Human Rights Bill. At the time of receiving your FOI request, there have been no costs - relevant to your request - accrued in the current financial year (2024-25), although please see explanatory text below regarding wider costs associated with this work.

Table 1

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Year total</b>
<b>2021/22</b>	<p><b>Engagement Forums</b>  Lived Experience Board 1<sup>1</sup>: £9,100  Human Rights Bill Advisory Board<sup>2</sup>: £540</p>	£9,640
<b>2022/23</b>	<p><b>Engagement Forums</b>  Lived Experience Board 1: £27,300  Lived Experience Board 2<sup>3</sup>: £42,715  Lived Experience Board 3<sup>4</sup>: £46,804  Human Rights Bill Advisory Board: £675</p>	£117,494
<b>2023/24</b>	<p><b>Public Consultation</b>  Design, accessible versions &amp; publication: £29,137  Public events: £5,192  Independent analysis of responses &amp; publication of report: £32,580</p> <p><b>Engagement Forums</b>  Lived Experience Board 1: £8,000  Lived Experience Board 2: £15,921  Lived Experience Board 3: £46,424  Human Rights Bill Advisory Board: £405</p>	£137,659
<b>Total</b>		<b>£264,793</b>

Further detail regarding the engagement forums and public consultation referenced in Table 1 can be found via the links below:

- [Human Rights Bill Lived Experience Boards - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)
- [Human Rights Bill Governance and Engagement Advisory Board - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

<sup>1</sup> Lived Experience Board 1 refers to grant funding issued to the Human Rights Consortium Scotland for work informing the development of proposals for the Human Rights Bill with views gathered from people who face barriers accessing their human rights.

<sup>2</sup> Human Rights Bill Advisory Board refers to payment to an independent expert at £135 per meeting.

<sup>3</sup> Lived Experience Board 2 refers to grants issued to the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities for work informing the development of proposals for the Human Rights Bill with views gathered from people who face barriers accessing their human rights.

<sup>4</sup> Lived Experience Board 3 refers to grants issued to Together Scotland for work informing the development of proposals for the Human Rights Bill with views gathered from people who face barriers accessing their human rights.

- [A Human Rights Bill for Scotland: Consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

It is not possible to provide you with figures of other associated costs with this work, including costs of the civil servants who have worked on developing the Human Rights Bill. This is because this relates to work which has been taken forward by civil servants as part of their normal duties supporting the Scottish Government and – in line with usual practice – details of individual tasks carried out by civil servants, including the number of hours spent on them, are not routinely recorded as there is no business need to do this. This is a formal notice under S.17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have some of the information you have requested.