

ANDREW DUFF PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES 2008

Travel

MEPs have the costs of their travel from home to work reimbursed at a flat rate on the basis of distance and mode of transport. Travel elsewhere (outside the UK) on official Parliamentary business is reimbursed at cost. In both cases, proof of travel is required. Mr Duff received € 46434 in 2008 (€ 62917 in 2007).

Subsistence

MEPs receive a daily subsistence allowance for official attendance on Parliamentary duties outside the UK. Mr Duff received € 47355 in 2008 (€ 48406 in 2007).

Mr Duff's attendance record for plenary votes over the current mandate of the Parliament (July 2004 to December 2008) was 92.71 per cent – compared with the average for all MEPs of 79 per cent.

Staff

Mr Duff employs the equivalent of four full-time assistants. The total wage bill and staff costs for 2008 were € 184465 (€ 179801 in 2007).

Mr Duff does not employ as assistants, or pay as service providers or paying agents, members of his family.

Declaration of interest

Mr Duff is a member of the Parliament's Voluntary Pension Scheme.

General Expenditure

MEPs received € 48624 (£ 34754) in 2008 for office costs and other general expenditure. Mr Duff's total expenditure was £ 35087 (£ 31929 in 2007). Here is a summary of the account which has been verified by a professional accountant as being in compliance with the rules of the Liberal Democrat European Parliamentary Party and with the rules of the European Parliament. (The audit statement is filed with the LDEPP Whip.)

Office and General Expenditure Account	£
Total Income	£34,754.00
Office Management and Running Costs (includes rates and utilities)	£6,962.80
Insurances	£845.82
Postage and Telephone	£5,842.59
IT Hardware and Software	£7,624.19
Printing, Books & Subscriptions, Newspapers and Publications	£3,385.49
Stationery & Consumables	£2,827.83
Travel and Ancillary (includes conferences)	£7,398.43
Accountancy Fees	£200.00

Total Expenditure	£35,087.15
Balance	-£333.15
Carry Forward 2007	-£11.38