

Andrew Duff
General Office Expenditure 2007

General Expenditure Allowance 2007		
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1	Office Expenditure	
1a.	Office Rent & Rates	12,382.94
1b.	Postage	1,885.49
1c.	Stationery	1,798.79
1d.	Publications	2,121.42
1e.	Subscriptions	381.38
1f.	Insurances	342.50
1g.	ITC	769.81
sub-total		19,682.33
2	Communications	
2a.	Office Phone	1,621.10
2b.	Mobile Telephone	4,996.95
sub-total		6,618.05
3	Transport	
3a.	Car	4,300.00
3b.	Train	440.80
sub-total		4,740.80
4	Other	
4a.	Party Conference	744.90
4b.	Other	154.30
sub-total		899.20
Total		31,940.38

NOTE:

This is a summary account of Mr Duff's office expenses for the year 2007. £31,929 was reimbursed by the European Parliament's 'general expenditure allowance' -- which covers mainly his expenses within the East of England, but also otherwise non-refundable costs of running his Parliamentary offices in Brussels and Strasbourg (such as postage).

In addition, MEPs have their costs of travel from home to work, and elsewhere on official business, reimbursed on the basis of distance. Actual travel has to be proven. In 2007 Mr Duff received €62,917

MEPs receive a daily subsistence allowance for official attendance on Parliamentary duties. In 2007 Mr Duff received €48,406.

At present, MEPs' salaries are the same as that of their national MPs. From the beginning of the next Parliament in July 2009, an MEPs Statute has been agreed under which MEPs will be paid the same salary – at a rate of 38.5% of the salary of a judge of the European Court of Justice. Adjustments to taxation, expenses and pensions will take place at that stage.

Mr Duff directly employs the equivalent of four full-time assistants. The total wage bill for 2007 was €168,293; staff expenses were €11,508. (The total 'secretarial allowance' available to MEPs was €185,952.)