

DIANA WALLIS PARLIAMENTARY ALLOWANCES 2010

Travel

Members are entitled to a travel and subsistence allowance in respect of the days on which they participate in meetings of official Parliament bodies. Such participation must be attested by signing either the attendance register open in the meeting room, or, during part-sessions in Strasbourg and Brussels, the attendance register in the Chamber.

Diana Wallis's total allowance for travel in 2010 was **€85,935.00**. This includes weekly travel to and from Strasbourg (twelve times a year) and/or Brussels, travel and hotel during delegation trips and speaking engagements around Europe and beyond. It also includes the use of taxis.

The European Parliament provides Members with detailed information about their travel expenses on request only. The details concerning Diana Wallis's travel is presented here in the complex style in which it is calculated:

Travel Costs: €30,192.61

Daily allowance paid: €41,273.00 (€298 per day of participation in meetings of official Parliament bodies to cover accommodation in Brussels and Strasbourg amounting to 138.5 days)

Distance allowance: €5,442.28

Duration allowance: €8,157.75

Hotel costs reimbursed outside Strasbourg/ Brussels: €368.42

Taxis to/from airport: €84.00

Taxis to/from airport outside Brussels/Strasbourg: €198.74

Taxi to/from station: €20

Taxi costs outside Brussels/Strasbourg: €120.00

Other taxi fares reimbursed: €78.20

Total: €85,935.00

Diana Wallis's outside engagements for 2010

As Vice- President of the European Parliament:

15-16 February: European Law Academy (ERA) Conference, 'Effective Judicial Protection in the EU - The Role of the National Judge', Paris, France.

12-14 March: Al-Quds University, Palestine/Israel, to speak on transparency decision making and access to information. A visit to Hebron and Bethlehem in the Palestinian Territories was also made, to speak to the mayors of these cities.

17 June: Keynote speech at Nordic Council Seminar on Iceland joining the EU, Copenhagen, Denmark.

26-30 August: 19th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference to discuss EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, Mariehamn, Finland.

5 October: Symposium for Dutch judges, to speak on the Common Frame of Reference, Arnhem, Netherlands.

22-25 October: To speak at an International Law Conference, 'European law maker: Harmonisation and convergence in European Civil Law', Bratislava, Slovakia.

1-6 November: Opening of an EU- Turkey comparative gender policy event, alongside Prime Minister Erdogan, Istanbul, Turkey.

As a member of the Legal Affairs Committee (JURI):

21-24 January: PEICL (the Principles of European Insurance Contract Law) Conference: "PEICL: A Future Optional Instrument", Vienna, Austria.

23 February: Visit to the European Court of Justice, Luxembourg (with the EP Legal Affairs Committee).

8 April: Hague General Affairs Council, to represent the European Parliament at the Hague Conference and to discuss Private International Law issues, The Hague, Netherlands.

9 April: Invited to speak on the feasibility of setting up a European Law Institute at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy.

2 June: JURI delegation to The Hague, Netherlands.

As a Member of the Switzerland, Iceland and Norway Delegation:

17-19 February: Seminar made at Icelandic university about Iceland and the EU, and the important contribution of small Member States, Reykjavik, Iceland & various political meetings.

As a Member of the SEE Delegation:

7-8 May: ALDE trip to Bosnia to participate in a seminar on how to invigorate the reform and integration process for SE countries the region, in regards to the EU, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

For Brussels activities: 27 return journeys

For Strasbourg plenary sessions: 12 return journeys

General Expenditure

In 2010 Members were entitled to receive a flat-rate allowance of up to €4,202 per month (or around £3,600 depending on the variation in the exchange rate), chiefly intended to cover office management expenditure, phone bills, postage, the purchase, management and use of IT equipment, and travel by Members within their own Member State. In 2010, Diana Wallis chose to receive a much reduced amount, with her total expenditure being **£18,064.18**.

In accordance with the LDEPP Guidance Note on Use of Members' Allowances, an independent annual account of this allowance covering the year 2010 has been produced and filed with the delegation whip, Chris Davies, following an independent audit. A summary of this account can be found at the end of the document.

Staff

Each Member is entitled to a parliamentary assistance allowance to cover expenses arising out of the employment or use of the services of one or more assistants whom the Member may choose. The total secretarial allowance available for 2010 was **€248,577.00** of which Diana Wallis has left a total of **€85,682.23 unclaimed**. The secretarial allowance was used to pay salaries and expenses of one full-time assistant in the constituency; one full-time and one part-time assistant (for part of the year) and one further assistant working between the two locations.

One of Diana's assistants is her husband Stewart Arnold (please see her Declaration of Financial Interests for 2009 on her Transparency page). He is employed on a salary band of £20-25,000 gross for the UK 2010 tax year.

Diana Wallis also used this allowance to pay three trainees who worked with her at different points during the year in Brussels. She also has a further Brussels-based assistant specifically assigned to assist her in her responsibility as a Vice-President of Parliament who is paid directly by Parliament as a temporary agent.

Diana Wallis's staff's salaries are not dealt with by herself. According to the new Statute for Assistants of the European Parliament which entered into force on 14 July 2009 to create a more transparent system, the contracts of, and salary payments to, the Brussels-based assistants are handled by the Parliament's financial services. The handling of contracts of and payments to local assistants working in the Member States are carried out by qualified and duly recognised payroll organisations in those countries, according to the Statute. In Diana Wallis's case, they are handled by an independent paying agent in the constituency who receives the allowance from Parliament, makes payments to local staff, and produces a yearly account to Parliament's services.

**Diana Wallis MEP
Office & General Expenditure Account**

**Income & Expenditure Account
for the year-ended 31 December 2010**

Income

Net Income from EP 12,718.99
12,718.99

Expenditure

Travel Expenses	642.59
Office Rental & Management Costs	2,611.40
Office Equipment	2,722.68
Telephone & Postage	8,820.86
Bank Charges	25.00
Printing, Books & Subscriptions, Newspapers & Publications	2,322.25
IT Hardware & Software	115.00
Representation Costs	804.40
	<u>18,064.18</u>

Surplus secretarial allowance repaid to the European Parliament -5,345.19

These accounts have been prepared by Trevor Peters

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These accounts have been approved by Diana Wallis MEP

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These accounts have been independently examined by Philip Davison

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