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Please provide evidence of all costs related to the Ceremony of the Keys ceremony at Holyrood Palace in July 2025.

This should include all security costs plus the salary costs (and all other costs) of all councillors and council staff that attended this event.

Please provide the number of hours council members and staff spent at this event.

Attendees:

The Rt Hon Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh

15 x elected members

7 x council officers

Average salary cost per attendee for 1.5 hours - £30.92

- Cost of coach hire to transport those attending the Ceremony of the Keys to Holyrood Palace - £275
- Tea and coffee served prior to the event - £56.70
- Use of civic car to transport the Lord Provost's party to Holyrood Palace at no extra cost
- Staffing costs all met from within staffing budgets – i.e. no additional cost

The Ceremony took 1.5 hours

In regard to costs for road operations, the Ceremony of the Keys event is part of the broader Holyrood Week, where a number of events/restrictions take place. Therefore, information specifically for this event cannot be extracted from the total cost. Further road operations costs may still be received but costs for Holyrood Week, to date, is £21,458.83.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with security costs because this is not held by the Council. This information is held by Police Scotland.