



Parole Board
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Annual Report on Travel, Hospitality and Conference Expenditures 2018-19



As required by the Treasury Board's [Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures](#), this report provides information on travel, hospitality and conference expenditures for the Parole Board of Canada (PBC) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, except for information withheld under the [Access to Information Act](#) or the [Privacy Act](#).

Travel, hospitality and conference expenditures incurred by a federal department or agency relate to activities that support the department or agency's mandate and the government's priorities.

The PBC contributes to the Government of Canada's outcome of a safe and secure Canada by making timely conditional release, record suspension, and expungement decisions and clemency recommendations in an open and accountable manner, while respecting the rights and dignity of both offenders and victims, in accordance with its statutory responsibilities and authorities.

The PBC's travel, hospitality and conference expenditures support the delivery of the following core responsibilities: for more information the link to [PBCs corporate reporting](#)

- Conditional Release Decisions;
- Conditional Release Openness and Accountability;
- Record Suspension Decisions/Clemency Recommendations; and
- Internal Services.

Travel is required as part of the delivery of the PBC's mandate. The most significant component is travel by Board members and staff to correctional institutions to conduct conditional release hearings. Travel is also required for internal governance, as the PBC has a total of six regional offices across the country. Another main reason for travel at the PBC is travel required for training. The importance of national consistency in conditional release decision-making requires that staff and Board members attend the same department-wide training. The PBC minimizes travel costs to the extent possible by encouraging options, such as teleconferencing and videoconferencing.

The PBC minimizes hospitality expenses to the extent possible. The Annual Training on Risk Assessment (ATRA) exercise is the largest hospitality expense at the PBC. This annual training activity provides both large-group plenary sessions as well as small group workshops. ATRA focuses specifically on risk assessment skills, decision writing, and hearing management among other topics, and provides Board members with the opportunity for hands-on, practical training.

The PBC conference expenses generally represent conference registration fees where a PBC employee has participated as an official representative of the organization, or has presented on a subject relevant to the department's mandate. As per the Treasury Board Secretariat's reporting requirements, expenditures to attend conferences where the primary purpose is to enable participants to maintain or acquire skills or knowledge are not reported as conference expenses but rather as training.

Travel, Hospitality and Conference Expenditures

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Year ended March 31, 2019

| Expenditure category | Expenditures for year ended March 31, 2019 (in thousands of dollars) | Expenditures for year ended March 31, 2018 (in thousands of dollars) | Variance (in thousands of dollars) |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Travel | | | |
| Operational activities | \$1,071 | \$885 | \$185 |
| Key stakeholders | \$94 | \$43 | \$51 |
| Internal governance | \$116 | \$288 | (\$172) |
| Training | \$555 | \$622 | (\$67) |
| Other | \$5 | \$7 | (\$2) |
| Total Travel | \$1,841 | \$1,845 | (\$4) |
| Hospitality | \$13 | \$12 | \$1 |
| Conference fees | \$10 | \$13 | (\$3) |
| TOTAL | \$1,864 | \$1,870 | (\$6) |

Variations Compared With the Previous Fiscal Year

Travel:

Departmental travel expenditures have remained the same as in 2018-19 by decreasing slightly by \$4 thousand compared to 2017-18.

Hospitality:

Departmental hospitality expenditures have remained the same as in 2018-19 by increasing slightly by \$1 thousand compared to 2017-18.

Conference Fees:

Departmental conferences fees decreased slightly by \$3 thousand in 2018-19 compared to 2017-18.