

2021-22 Annual Report on Travel, Hospitality and Conference Expenditures

Privy Council Office

As required by the Treasury Board [Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures](#), this report provides information on travel, hospitality and conference expenditures for the Privy Council Office (PCO) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, 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.

PCO's travel, hospitality and conference expenditures support the delivery of the following core responsibility:

PCO supports the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, portfolio ministers, Cabinet and Cabinet Committees in advancing Government priorities, through providing non-partisan advice on matters of national and international importance, ensuring that the Cabinet decision-making process runs smoothly and helping implement the Government's agenda, by fostering an effective and innovative Public Service.

With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted in 2021-2022, Travel and Hospitality expenditures increased.

Additional information on the PCO programs and activities may be found on the department's website and in its [2021-22 Departmental Plan](#).

Total annual PCO expenditures for travel, hospitality and conferences for the 2021-22 fiscal year and the 2020-21 fiscal year are summarized in the table below.

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for year ended March 31, 2022 (\$ thousands)	Expenditures for year ended March 31, 2021 (\$ thousands)	Variance (\$ thousands)
Travel			
Operational Activities	1,724	413	1,311
Key Stakeholders	44	2	42
Internal Governance	1	1	-
Training	4	2	2
Other	10	57	(47)
A. Total Travel	1,783	475	1,308
B. Hospitality	136	66	70
C. Conference Fees	-	2	(2)
Total (A+B+C)	1,919	543	1,376
International travel by ministers and ministers' staff (included in travel)¹	1	0	1

Significant variances compared with previous fiscal year

Compared to fiscal year 2020-21, departmental travel and hospitality expenditures increased by \$ 1.38 million. The increase is primarily attributed to easing of COVID-19 restrictions and public health measures allowing for more in-person meetings.

¹ Expenditures related to the Prime Minister's International Trips are reported by Global Affairs Canada