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As required by the Treasury Board [Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conferences and Event Expenditures](#), this report provides information on the total annual expenditures for each of travel, hospitality, and conferences for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

This information is updated annually and does not contain information withheld under the [Access to Information Act](#) or the [Privacy Act](#).

Expenditures on travel, hospitality, and conferences incurred by federal departments and agencies are related to supporting departmental mandates and the government's priorities.

For the CFIA, this includes the delivery of the following core programs and/or services to Canadians:

- The CFIA is dedicated to safeguarding food safety and animal and plant health, which enhances Canada's environment, economy, and the health and well-being of its residents.
- The CFIA's legislative mandate is enabled by the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* which also enables the Agency to administer and enforce other federal statutes, regulations, and the Fees Notice. These statutes and regulations regulate the safety and quality of food sold in Canada, and support a sustainable animal and plant resource base.
- The CFIA develops program requirements, conducts laboratory testing, and delivers inspections and other services to:
 - prevent and manage food safety risks;
 - protect plant resources from regulated pests, diseases, and invasive species;
 - prevent and manage animal and zoonotic diseases;
 - contribute to consumer protection; and
 - contribute to market access for Canada's food, plants, animals, and their products.

Travel is essential for the delivery of these services.

Travel, hospitality, and conference expenditures

Canadian Food Inspection Agency Year ended March 31, 2025

Expenditure category	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2025 (in thousands of dollars)	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2024 (in thousands of dollars)	Variance (in thousands of dollars)
Travel			
Operational activities	5,960	8,061	-2,101
Key stakeholders	556	603	-47
Internal governance	98	177	-79
Training	1,002	830	172
Other	534	626	-92
A. Total Travel	8,150	10,297	-2,147
B. Hospitality	101	101	0
C. Conference fees	120	188	-68
Total [A+B+C]	8,371	10,586	-2,215

Significant variances compared to the previous fiscal year

In 2024-2025, the CFIA incurred less travel and hospitality expenditures mainly due to reduced travel for operational activities related to avian influenza and potato wart outbreaks, as well as agency-wide initiatives to reduce spending on travel.