

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences for 2017-18

This report provides information on the annual expenditures for travel, hospitality and conference fees for Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018. Expenditures on travel, hospitality and conference fees are related to activities as per AECL's mandate and the government's priorities.

AECL is a federal Crown corporation responsible for enabling nuclear science and technology and managing Canada's radioactive waste liabilities. We deliver our mandate through a Government-owned, Contractor-operated model whereby Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, a private-sector company, operates and manages our sites on our behalf.

AECL's role under the Government-owned, Contractor-operated model is to set priorities, assess the contractor's performance and bring value for money for Canada. AECL also advises the government of Canada on policy issues related to its mandate.

2017-18 Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences

| Expenditure Category ¹ | Expenditures for the previous year ending: March 31, 2017 | Expenditures for the year ending: March 31, 2018 |
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| Operational Activities | \$468,952 | \$164,511 |
| Key Stakeholders | | \$173,271 |
| Internal Governance | | \$46,256 |
| Training | | \$96,820 |
| Other | | \$ - |
| Total Travel | \$468,952 | \$480,857 |
| Hospitality | \$15,422 | \$16,581 |
| Conference & Course Fees | \$66,381 | \$78,071 |
| Total Travel, Hospitality and Conferences | \$550, 755 | \$575, 509 |
| International travel for Board members (included in Total Travel above) | \$19,737 | \$1,569 |

¹ Expenditures for 2017-18 are being reported along five categories (Operational Activities, Key Stakeholders, Internal Governance, Training and Other) as per the updated requirements of the Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures. Reconciliation of previous years' expenditures along those categories was not possible; however future years' expenditures will be reported upon along the same categories.

Travel and hospitality expenses for 2017-18 were in support of AECL's mandate and role, including travel to AECL sites across Canada and building collaborative relationships with foreign governments and international organizations in order to leverage best practices in nuclear science and technology, decommissioning, radioactive waste management and managing under a Government-owned, Contractor-operated model. AECL staff also represented Canada at international forums, for example at the International Atomic Energy Agency, an intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical co-operation in the nuclear field.

The slight increase in expenses between 2016-17 and 2017-18 is due in part to AECL continuing its efforts to build international collaboration in strategic areas, as well as staff training on highly-specialized topics.