

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences for 2019-2020

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, 2020. 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 protecting the environment by managing the Government of Canada's radioactive waste and decommissioning 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 Canada. AECL also advises the government of Canada on policy issues related to its mandate.

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	Expenditures for the	Expenditures for the year
Expenditure Category	previous year ending	ending March 31, 2020
	March 31, 2019	
Operational Activities	\$163,741	\$166,660
Key Stakeholders	\$144,619	\$185,885
Internal Governance	\$54,480	\$67,307
67Training	\$135,875	\$115,521
Other	\$ -	\$ -
Total Travel	\$498,715	\$535,373
Hospitality	\$17,806	\$52,962
Conference & Course Fees	\$76,580	\$86,508
Total Travel, Hospitality and	\$593,101	\$674,843
Conferences		
International travel for Board	\$-	\$-
members (included in Total		
Travel above)		

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Travel and hospitality expenses for 2019-20 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,



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environmental remediation, nuclear 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 cooperation in the nuclear field.

The increase in hospitality expenses between 2018-19 and 2019-20 is due to the fact that AECL hosted a large event as part of its role in overseeing the Federal Nuclear Science and Technology Work Plan, and hosted a technical working group of the Nuclear Energy Agency (an arm of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development). Other increases in travel expenses are related to international travel which contribute to AECL's efforts to build international collaboration in strategic areas, highly specialized training provided to staff and increased Indigenous engagement across various AECL sites.