

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences for 2021-22

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, 2022. 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.

2021-22 Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the previous year ending March 31, 2021	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2022
Operational Activities	\$18,914	\$54,300
Key Stakeholders	\$8,429	\$66,509
Internal Governance	\$ -	\$ 4,008
Training	\$8,401	\$34,071
Other	\$ 12	\$ -
Total Travel	\$35,756	\$158,888
Hospitality	\$537	\$5,337
Conference & Course Fees	\$15,218	\$58,502
Total Travel, Hospitality and Conferences	\$51,511	\$222,728
International travel for Board members	\$-	\$ -

Travel, hospitality and conference expenses for 2021-22 were in support of AECL's mandate and role, including travel to AECL sites in Canada and building collaborative relationships with foreign governments and international organizations in order to leverage best practices in nuclear science and technology, 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.

Travel, hospitality, and conference expenses for 2021-22 continued to be impacted by the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. AECL continued to align activities with the recommended actions by the Government of Canada and public health authorities to reduce the risk to its employees and the surrounding communities. As pandemic-related restrictions started to lift in parts of 2021-22, travel resumed, albeit not to pre-pandemic levels.