

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences for 2023-24

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, 2024. 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 responsibilities. 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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Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the Year Ending March 31, 2024	Expenditures for the Year Ending March 31, 2023
Operational Activities	\$334,123	\$212,095
Key Stakeholders	\$145,722	\$110,562
Internal Governance	\$43,561	\$23,471
Training	\$ 237,288	\$215,229
Other	-	-
Total Travel	\$760,693	\$561,357
Hospitality	\$97,378	\$29,958
Conference & Course Fees	\$74,958	\$51,614
Total Travel, Hospitality and Conferences	\$933,030	\$642,929
International travel for Board members (included in Total Travel above)	-	-

Travel, hospitality and conference expenses for 2023-24 were in support of AECL's mandate and role, including travel to AECL sites in Canada and building collaborative relationships with government, industry and academia, including foreign governments and international organizations, to leverage best practices in nuclear science and technology, environmental remediation, nuclear decommissioning, radioactive waste management, and management 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 2023-24 were higher than in 2022-23 due to expenses related to the Workshop for the Federal Nuclear Science and Technology Work Plan, activities for the procurement of the Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated model (set to expire in September 2025), and AECL's hosting of key stakeholders and partners. There was also an increase in training and professional development for employees.