

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences for 2020-21

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, 2021. 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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Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the previous year ending March 31, 2020	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2021
Operational Activities	\$166,660	\$18,914
Key Stakeholders	\$185,885	\$8,429
Internal Governance	\$67,307	\$ -
Training	\$115,521	\$8,401
Other	\$ -	\$ 12
Total Travel	\$535,373	\$35,756
Hospitality	\$52,962	\$537
Conference & Course Fees	\$86,508	\$15,218
Total Travel, Hospitality and Conferences	\$674,843	\$51,511
International travel for Board members	\$-	\$ -

Travel, hospitality and conference expenses for 2020-21 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.

The decrease in travel, hospitality, and conference expenses for 2020-21 is a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The dynamic nature of the pandemic shifted the environment in which AECL operates. In alignment with the recommended actions by the Government of Canada and public health authorities to reduce the risk to its employees and the surrounding communities, travel was limited only to essential work and conference participation moved to an online environment.