

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences for 2016-17

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, 2017. 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.

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Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the previous year ending: March 31, 2016	Expenditures for the year ending: March 31, 2017
Travel: Employees	\$349, 151	468,952
Travel: Non-Employees	\$9,764	-
Total Travel	\$358,915	468,952
Hospitality	\$5,956	15,422
Conference & Course Fees	\$36,074	66,381
Total Travel, Hospitality and Conferences	\$400,946	550,755

Travel and hospitality expenses for 2016-17 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.

As the previous fiscal year (2015-16) was the first full year of operation under the Government-owned, Contractor-operated model, efforts had been placed on the implementation of this new governance model and travel to AECL sites across Canada as part of AECL's oversight responsibilities. In 2016-17, AECL expanded its efforts to build international collaboration in strategic areas. The organization also implemented a training program for its contract management staff. This explains the increase in expenditures between the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016 and the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.