

Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada

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

As required by the Treasury Board [*Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures*](#), this report provides information on the Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada (ATSSC) annual expenditures for travel, hospitality and conferences for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. It also provides explanations for the variances from the previous fiscal year in each of these areas.

This information is updated annually and does not contain information withheld under the [*Access to Information Act*](#) or the [*Privacy Act*](#).

Travel, hospitality and conference expenditures incurred by federal departments and agencies are related to activities that support a departmental or agency mandate and the government's priorities.

The ATSSC is responsible for providing support services and facilities to several federal administrative tribunals by way of a single, integrated organization.

These services include the specialized services required by each tribunal (e.g., registry, research and analysis, legal and other mandate or case activities specific to each tribunal), as well as internal services (e.g., human resources, financial services, information management and technology, accommodations, security, planning and communications).

Further information on the mandate, program activities and enabling instrument of the ATSSC can be found by accessing the [*Departmental Plan*](#) and the [*Departmental Results Report*](#).

Travel, Hospitality and Conference Expenditures
Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada
Year ended March 31, 2021
(in thousands of dollars)

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2021	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2020	Variance
Travel: Operational Activities	\$84	\$1,466	-\$1,382
Travel: Key Stakeholders	N/A	\$18	-\$18
Travel: Internal Governance	\$0	\$36	-\$36
Travel: Training	-\$1	\$330	-\$331
Travel: Other	\$1	\$180	-\$179
Total Travel	\$84	\$2,030	-\$1,946
Hospitality	\$0	\$41	-\$41
Conference Fees	\$17	\$15	\$2
Total	\$101	\$2,086	-\$1,985

Significant variances compared with the previous fiscal year

Travel

Compared with fiscal year 2019-20, the ATSSC's travel expenditures decreased substantially due to the COVID-19 pandemic halting travel operations beginning in March of 2020. Many hearings and conferences were held online during this period.

Hospitality

Compared with fiscal year 2019-20, departmental hospitality expenditures decreased to nil due to in-person training and events being cancelled due to concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic.

Conference fees

Compared with fiscal year 2019-20, the departmental conference fees have increased nominally due to increased accessibility of online conferences.