

Administrative Tribunals Support Service of Canada

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

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, 2017. 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 11 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 [*Report on Plans and Priorities*](#) and the [*Departmental Performance Report*](#).

Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences at the ATSSC
(In thousands)

<i>Expenditure Category</i>	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2017	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2016	Variance
	(a)	(b)	(a-b)
Travel: Public Servants	1,754	1,390	364
Travel: Non-Public Servants	182	446	(264)
Total Travel	1,936	1,836	100
Hospitality	17	17	0
Conference Fees	0	36	(36)
Total	1,953	1,889	64

Significant variances compared with the previous fiscal year.

TRAVEL

Public Servants: Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, departmental travel expenditures by public servants increased mainly due to:

Clarifications in coding practices for Governor in Council appointees.

Non-Public Servants: Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, departmental travel expenditures by non-public servants decreased mainly due to:

Clarifications in coding practices for Governor in Council appointees.

HOSPITALITY: Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, departmental hospitality expenditures have remained the same.

CONFERENCE FEES: Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, departmental conference expenditures have decreased mainly due to:

Changes in coding practices to align with the new policy.