

Department/Agency: The Canadian Forces Grievance Board

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences

As required by the Treasury Board [Directive for the Management of Expenditures on Travel, Hospitality and Conferences](#), this report provides information on the total annual expenditures for each of travel, hospitality and conferences for the Canadian Forces Grievance Board (CFGB or Board) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

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

Expenditures on travel, hospitality and conferences incurred by federal departments and agencies are for the most part directly related to supporting departmental mandate(s) and the government's priorities.

In particular, for the CFGB, this includes providing an independent and external review of military grievances. Section 29 of the *National Defence Act* provides a statutory right for an officer or a non-commissioned member who has been aggrieved, to grieve a decision, an act or an omission in the administration of the affairs of the Canadian Forces (CF). The CFGB is an independent administrative tribunal reporting to Parliament through the Minister of National Defence. The Board reviews grievances referred to it and provides findings and recommendations to the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS) and the officer or non-commissioned member who submitted the grievance. The CFGB also has the obligation to deal with all matters before it as informally and expeditiously as the circumstances and the considerations of fairness permit. In order to effectively deliver on its mandate, the CFGB has developed a Program Alignment Architecture of two program activities; one program activity is the review of Canadian Forces grievances referred by the CDS and the second program activity is Internal Services (Corporate and Administrative Services)

Total annual expenditures for travel, hospitality and conferences of the Canadian Forces Grievance Board are summarized below:

(in thousands of dollars)			
Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2013 (a)	Expenditures for the previous year ending March 31, 2012 (b)	Variance (a - b)
Travel - Public Servants	\$21.4	\$17.7	\$3.7
Travel - Non-Public Servants	\$18.2	\$55.8	\$(37.6)
International Travel by Minister and Minister's Staff ¹	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Total Travel	\$39.6	\$73.5	\$(33.9)
Hospitality	\$2.5	\$2.0	\$0.5
Conference Fees	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOTAL	\$42.1	\$75.5	\$(33.4)

¹ Includes international travel that is part of a department's program.

Significant variances compared to the previous fiscal year.

TRAVEL:

Public Servants: Compared to 2011-12, departmental travel expenditures by public servants increased by \$3.7K mainly due to:

- *The need for employees to attend additional training and conferences across Canada.*

Non-Public Servants: Compared to 2011-12, departmental travel expenditures by non-public servants decreased by \$37.6K mainly due to:

- *Less Board members; the term of three Board members ended during the fiscal year.*