

# Department/Agency: Military Grievances External Review Committee

## 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 Military Grievances External Review Committee (MGERC or Committee, formerly known as the Canadian Forces Grievance Board) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

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 MGERC, 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 Armed Forces. The MGERC is an independent administrative tribunal reporting to Parliament through the Minister of National Defence. The Committee 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 MGERC 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 Committee has developed a Program Alignment Architecture of two programs; one program is the review of Canadian Forces grievances referred by the CDS and the second program is Internal Services (Corporate and Administrative Services)

Total annual expenditures for travel, hospitality and conferences of the Military Grievances External Review Committee are summarized below:

<b>(in thousands of dollars)</b>			
<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2016 (a)</b>	<b>Expenditures for the previous year ending March 31, 2015 (b)</b>	<b>Variance (a - b)</b>
Travel - Public Servants	\$3.4	\$11.7	\$(8.3)
Travel - Non-Public Servants	\$4.8	\$18.6	\$(13.8)
International Travel by Minister and Minister's Staff <sup>1</sup>	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>\$8.2</b>	<b>\$30.3</b>	<b>\$(22.1)</b>
Hospitality	\$2.3	\$3.9	\$(1.6)
Conference Fees	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10.5</b>	<b>\$34.2</b>	<b>\$(23.7)</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes international travel that is part of a department's program.

## **Significant variances compared to the previous fiscal year.**

### **TRAVEL:**

**Public Servants:** Compared to 2014-15, departmental travel expenditures by public servants decreased by \$8.3K mainly due to:

- *Fewer employees attending training and conferences across Canada.*

**Non-Public Servants:** Compared to 2014-15, departmental travel expenditures by non-public servants decreased by \$13.8K mainly due to:

- *Fewer Committee members travelling to attend meetings and conferences.*