

Annual Report on Travel, Hospitality and Conference Expenditures

Polar Knowledge Canada

As required by the Treasury Board [Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures](#), this report provides information on travel, hospitality and conference expenditures for Polar Knowledge Canada (POLAR) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Travel, hospitality and conference expenditures incurred by a federal department or agency relate to activities that support the department's or agency's mandate and the government's priorities.

Mandate:

Polar Knowledge Canada (POLAR) was created pursuant to the [Canadian High Arctic Research Station Act](#) and came into force on June 1, 2015. The purpose of POLAR is to:

- advance knowledge of the Canadian Arctic in order to improve economic opportunities, environmental stewardship and the quality of life of its residents and all other Canadians;
- promote the development and dissemination of knowledge of the other circumpolar regions, including the Antarctic;
- strengthen Canada's leadership on Arctic issues; and
- establish a hub for scientific research in the Canadian Arctic.

Further details on POLAR's mandate, program activities and legislation may be found in the Departmental Plans and the Departmental Results Reports <https://www.canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge/reports.html>.

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Polar Knowledge Canada
Year ended March 31, 2023

(in thousands \$)

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the year ended March 31, 2023	Expenditures for the year ended March 31, 2022	Variance
	(a)	(b)	(a-b)
Travel			
Operational Activities	293	201	92
Key Stakeholders	370	29	341
Internal Governance	392	83	309
Training	153	39	114
Other	240	57	183
Total Travel	1,448	409	1,039
Hospitality	30	0	30
Conference Fees	24	1	23
TOTAL	1,502	410	1,092

Significant variances compared with previous fiscal year

Total Travel, Hospitality and Conference fees:

Travel, hospitality and conference expenditures have all increased compared to the previous fiscal year. This increase in spending is attributed to the return to pre-pandemic levels of regular operation travelling activities, return of in-person attendance at events, conferences, trainings and engagements.