

**ANNUAL SUMMARY OF TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY & CONFERENCE EXPENSES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31**

The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) leads and facilitates the development and use of national and international standards and accreditation services in order to enhance Canada's competitiveness and well-being. SCC carries out a variety of functions intended to ensure the effective and coordinated operation of standardization in Canada. It also represents Canada's interests on standards-related matters in foreign and international development meetings and engagement forums.

SCC's mission involves working with our stakeholders and customers in promoting efficient and effective standardization that strengthens Canada's competitiveness and social well-being. Everything SCC does is aimed at improving Canadians' quality of life and is aligned with Government of Canada priorities.

As required by the Treasury Board Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures, this report provides information on the total annual expenditures for each of travel, hospitality and conferences at SCC for the fiscal year ending March 31.

All expenses fall within the guidelines set forth by the Treasury Board, as well as SCC's travel and hospitality policies.

(\$ 000s)	2017	2016	Increase / (Decrease)
<b>TRAVEL</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>353</b>
OPERATIONS	1,163	1,063	100
KEY STAKEHOLDERS	400	256	144
INTERNAL GOVERNANCE	209	132	77
TRAINING	27	23	4
OTHER	64	36	28
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>CONFERENCES</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>(46)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,053</b>	<b>\$ 1,672</b>	<b>\$ 381</b>

**TRAVEL:**

**Operations** related travel expenses at SCC are driven by its accreditation services assessment activities. While operations related travel costs are the majority of travel costs at SCC, most of these are recoverable via billings to customers. The year over year increase of \$100K is attributable to additional assessment activities with its customers.

**Key Stakeholder** travel costs are non-recoverable costs incurred by SCC's operating branches to attend standards setting, policy development and stakeholder engagement meetings. The year-over-year increase of \$144K is attributable to increased government engagement and international participation as SCC begins to increase activity related to its Infrastructure and Innovation programs.

**Internal Governance** travel costs are non-recoverable travel costs incurred by SCC's internal services branches to represent SCC at various general and administrative meetings. A large proportion of this travel is related to representing SCC at the annual general meetings of its peer standardization organizations. The year-over-year increase of \$77K is attributable to increased representation at these meetings as Canada begins to take on a more of a leadership role in several international standards related organizations.

**Training** travel costs are related to transportation, accommodation and living expenses incurred by SCC stakeholders while on training. The year-over-year change in training related travel is not significant.

**Other** travel costs are costs related to SCC's corporate secretariat and communications teams to conduct quarterly meetings as well as special events. The year-over-year change in other travel costs was not significant.

**HOSPITALITY:**

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