

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel and Expenses

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Immigration and Career Training
Title of Travel	Forum of Minister's Responsible for Immigration Mid-Term Meeting
Location	Halifax, NS
Date(s)	March 8 – 10, 2023
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Immigration and Career Training (ICT) Brady Peter, Chief of Staff to Minister Harrison Clint Repski, Deputy Minister, ICT Derrick Lepine, Director, Labour Market Intergovernmental, ICT
Purpose of Travel	To attend the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI)
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$4,599.26
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$524.24
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)	\$1,163.58
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$370.00
Conference & Registration Fees	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)	\$45.00
Subtotal	\$6,702.08
General Travel Expenditures	
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$6,702.08

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The FMRI is composed of all federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) ministers responsible for immigration in Canada. Close collaboration among FPT ministers is required as immigration is an area of shared jurisdiction under the Constitution and both orders of government deliver immigration programs. Immigration is a key driver of Saskatchewan's population and job growth.

Ministers met in-person to engage in strategic discussions about:

- The number of immigrants to be admitted to Canada on an annual basis.
- FPT roles and responsibilities over economic immigration.
- The future of the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) and pathways to permanent residence for Ukrainians residing in Canada.
- FPT roles and responsibilities over the delivery of settlement services; and
- Improving foreign credential recognition to support labour market integration of newcomers.

Minister Harrison was able to share Saskatchewan's perspective and advance several priorities with his colleagues. Input will inform the federal government's strategic policy review for immigration, as well as joint FPT priorities for the next FMRI strategic plan.

Travel Activity

Minister Harrison was able to engage in strategic discussions with his counterparts from other FPT governments, and advance Saskatchewan priorities on a number of issues.

At this meeting, the federal government agreed to reduce duplication in the processing of Saskatchewan Immigration Nominee Program (SINP) applications and multi-year allocations to provincial nominee programs were confirmed at this meeting.

Minister Harrison was also able to advocate for the federal signing of the proposed *Saskatchewan Immigration Accord*.

A provincial news releases outlining these outcomes can be found here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2023/march/13/federal-government-agrees-to-42-per-cent-increase-in-sinp-nominations-and-to-reduce-duplication-in-i>