

## Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Justice and Attorney General	
Title of Travel	FPT Minister’s Conference	
Location	Dartmouth, NS	
Date(s)	October 11 - 14, 2022	
Participants	Honourable Bronwyn Eyre, Minister of Justice and Attorney General Michelle Lang, Chief of Staff to Minister Eyre Linda Zarzeczny K.C., Deputy Minister, Justice and Attorney General	
Purpose of Travel	To attend the FPT’s Minister’s Conference for Justice and Public Safety	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$3,971.33
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$176.59
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,791.12
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$335.00
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)		\$64.00
Subtotal		\$6,338.04
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		\$6,338.04

## Overview of Travel and Objectives

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This Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting was coordinated and hosted by the Government of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia for Ministers Responsible for Justice and Public Safety. This was the first in-person meeting of Ministers since the COVID-19 pandemic, and was intended to provide an update on federal priority areas, as well as priority areas for individual provinces.

### Travel Activity

Ministers Eyre and Tell reiterated their commitment to working with provincial and federal counterparts on shared issues, while also highlighting certain areas that remain a high priority for the Government of Saskatchewan. In particular, the Ministers emphasized their objection to the federal government's firearms confiscation plan which would utilize provincial police resources in the expropriation of legal firearms.

Minister Eyre specifically raised federal Bill C-75, introduced in 2019, which has led to lowered standards for bail; proposed federal Bill S-7, which imposes a never-before-used, lowered standard of 'reasonable general concern' for searching Canadians' cellphones and laptops at borders; federal Bill C-5, which reduces mandatory sentences for serious offences, including drug trafficking, gun smuggling and armed robbery; and federal Bill C-235, *An Act Respecting the Building of a Green Economy*, which Minister Eyre argued violates Saskatchewan's exclusive constitutional jurisdiction over natural resources and electricity generation.

Ministers Eyre and Tell supported Manitoba's request to include knife use and modified bear spray to the list of offences applicable for reverse onus, for bail, under Section 515(6) of the Criminal Code. They also expressed their concerns about the federal government's proposal to explore the decriminalization of dangerous drugs, including fentanyl and methamphetamine. They called on the federal government to ensure renewed funding for the Guns and Gang Violence Action Fund. This fund directly impacts Saskatchewan's Gang Violence Reduction Strategy, which focuses on intervention, suppression and prevention of gang activity across the province.