

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Trade and Export Development (TED)
Title of Travel	Mission to the United Kingdom (UK) and Poland
Location	London and Warsaw
Date(s)	September 23–30, 2023
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister, TED Richelle Bourgoin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Immigration and Career Training (September 27-30)
Purpose of Travel	To advance Saskatchewan's (SK's) trade and investment interests with the UK and Poland and support the province's labour recruitment efforts in Warsaw
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$ 8,339.50
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$ 3,366.87
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)	\$4,453.55
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$ 1,661.84
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)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$ 17,821.76
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	\$ 17,821.76

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The UK is an important market for SK exports, particularly SK potash, uranium and agri-food products. In 2022, SK exports to the UK grew by 92 per cent to C\$406 million (M), from C\$211M in 2021.

- The UK is a key buyer of SK's agricultural products – SK was the country's largest supplier of non-durum wheat and second-largest supplier of lentils.
- UK companies are a source of investment in the province's various sectors, and include EVRAZ, Just Eat Inc., Rio Tinto, Aggreko, among others.

Poland is a growing market for SK exports – In 2022, SK exported about C\$22 million (M) in goods to the country, representing a 913% increase from the preceding year.

- SK's top exports to the country in 2022 included ammunition, lentils and mustard seeds.
- Poland is also a source country for immigrants into the province and there is potential to recruit workers from Poland to address labour shortages in SK.

This was Minister Harrison's second mission to the UK and first to Poland. Mission objectives included:

- promoting SK exports to both countries;
- reinforcing SK's position as a global leader in the agriculture and energy sectors and its importance as a supplier of various commodities critical for global food and energy security;
- underscoring SK's position as a global leader in the mining and critical minerals sectors and advancing collaboration with potential partners in both countries;
- highlighting investment opportunities in the province for UK and Polish companies; and
- showcasing SK as a preferred destination to live and work and actively recruit workers for various sectors, while in Poland.

Travel Activity

Minister Harrison met with officials representing British and Polish government and industry. In the UK, Minister Harrison met with:

- Innovate UK;
- UK Chief Trade Negotiator, Canada-UK Trade Negotiations;
- UK Trade Envoy to Canada;
- Association of British Mining Equipment Companies;
- Low Carbon and Eco2 Energy;
- Plant-based Food Alliance UK;
- UK Flour Millers;
- Foran Mining; and
- Others

The Minister participated in:

- a Cultivator/Innovate UK Investor and Start-Ups session;
- a meeting and agreement signing between the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations and Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization; and
- A fireside chat with the Critical Minerals International Alliance to profile SK's mining sector and highlight the province's Critical Minerals Strategy.

The Minister also supported SK stakeholders that were in the UK attending the World Agri-Tech Innovation and Future Food-Tech Summits, including Innovation Saskatchewan and Economic Development Regina (EDR).

In Poland, Minister Harrison supported the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training in its labour recruitment undertaking, to help address SK's labour challenges. He also met with:

- Polskie Elektrownie Jądrowe (PEJ);
- Aurepio Sp; and
- Orlen Synthos Green Energy.

The Minister also participated in a roundtable with Polish Food Manufacturers to profile SK agriculture capabilities, including the province's sustainability practices.