

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel
(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Trade and Export Development	
Title of Travel	Committee on Internal Trade Meeting	
Location	Toronto, Ontario	
Date(s)	February 26-28, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Warren Kaeding, Minister of Trade and Export Development Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister of Trade and Export Development Drew Lombard, Chief of Staff to Minister Kaeding	
Purpose of Travel	Participate in the FPT Committee on Internal Trade meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$4,092.11
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$208.46
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$2,078.59
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$201.00
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)		\$9.04
Subtotal		\$6,589.20
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		\$6,589.20

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) is responsible for the implementation of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and includes the Ministers responsible for internal trade of each Party including the federal government and each province and territory.

CIT convened to discuss progress made since the January 31, 2025 CIT meeting about enhancing internal trade in Canada, including the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, mutual recognition, labour mobility and other sectoral priorities that will make it easier to do business within Canada.

Minister Kaeding led the discussion about advancing direct to consumer alcohol sales and updated the table on Saskatchewan's progress.

Travel Activity

Ministers discussed progress on the CIT recommendations endorsed by First Ministers on February 4, 2025:

- Enhancing the Commitments under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement by conducting a rapid review of all party-specific exceptions (PSEs) and concluding the financial services negotiations;
- Prioritizing mutual recognition on priority goods or sectors to reduce regulatory and administrative burden, including having all governments join the Mutual Recognition Pilot Project in the trucking sector;
- Working with the Forum of Labour Market Ministers to further Facilitate Labour Mobility; and,
- Other sectoral priorities, including that willing jurisdictions advance a Direct-to-Consumers sales system for alcohol, and that an enhanced domestic Team Canada trade promotion approach is explored.

The statement from CIT Ministers released following the meeting is available on the CFTA website: [COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL TRADE MINISTERS TAKE ACTION TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON REDUCING INTERNAL TRADE BARRIERS - Canadian Free Trade Agreement | Accord de libre-échange canadien](#)