

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 (FMRI) – Ministers Meeting	
Location	Toronto, Ontario	
Date(s)	October 14-15, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Immigration and Career Training Drew Wilby, Deputy Minister of Immigration and Career Training Lee Guse, Chief of Staff to Minister Reiter	
Purpose of Travel	Minister Reiter and officials traveled to Toronto for a meeting of the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,948.76
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains, and buses)		\$360.23
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,923.62
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$157.00
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		\$5,453.61
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		\$5,453.61

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Reiter and officials traveled to Toronto for a meeting of the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI). The FMRI is composed of all federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) ministers responsible for immigration in Canada, and Saskatchewan was the current Provincial-Territorial (PT) Co-Chair of the FMRI until March 31, 2026. Both Saskatchewan and the federal Co-Chair, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), organized the meeting. 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.

Travel Activity

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

- Immigration Levels: Ministers discussed the importance of enhancing strong federal/provincial/territorial (FPT) collaboration in returning to sustainable immigration levels. The federal government reiterated its goals of reducing Canada's non-permanent resident (NPR) population and stabilizing permanent resident (PR) admissions. Discussions focused on Ministerial priorities for balanced immigration levels, including the critical role of the provincial nominee program (PNP) in supporting regional economic growth and labour market needs).
- Settlement Services: Due to reduced immigration levels, Ministers discussed exploring options to account for immigration arrival lag time and ongoing service demand when IRCC is adjusting settlement funding allocations.
- Talent Attraction: IRCC's Minister outlined their Talent Attraction Strategy, which will focus on attracting and retaining top international talent to support strong economic growth. PT Ministers communicated that close collaboration with PTs is needed to ensure its success.
- Francophone Immigration: Progress and priorities for Francophone Immigration across Canada were discussed.
- Asylum and Border Modernization: IRCC's Minister provided an overview of the immigration authorities introduced in the Borders bills (Bill C-2, and then Bill C-12). Ministers discussed the need for stronger border controls, emphasizing the importance of reducing processing times for asylum claims.
- Foreign Credential Recognition (FCR): Ministers underlined the progress they have made on FCR in recent years and discussed future actions to advance labour mobility and FCR.

Minister Reiter engaged in strategic discussions with other FPT governments to advance Saskatchewan's priorities for immigration. He advocated for Saskatchewan's interests, conveying that the federal government needs to respect the autonomy of PTs in a shared immigration space and communicating that Saskatchewan and other PTs need more flexibility to respond to their unique labour market pressures.

The FMRI put out a joint news release following the meeting regarding meeting outcomes, which can be found at: <https://www.fmri.ca/meetings-and-events>.