

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

Ministry	Education	
Title of Travel	Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Most Responsible for Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC)	
Location	Vancouver, BC	
Date(s)	July 7-12, 2022	
Participants	Honourable Dustin Duncan, Minister of Education Mitchell Graw, Chief of Staff to Minister Duncan Donna Johnson, Deputy Minister of Education	
Purpose of Travel	To attend meeting and discuss ongoing work to increase access to high-quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive early learning and childcare	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$3,665.25
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$127.97
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,329.40
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$279.00
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)		\$30.00
Subtotal		\$5,431.62
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		\$5,431.62

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) ministers most responsible for early learning and child care (ELCC) met for the first time to advance shared priorities in early learning and child care. The FPT forum provided an opportunity to meet counterparts from across the country and to learn from each other through sharing of successes and challenges.

A number of successes and challenges were shared by all the provinces and territories (PTs). Ministry officials will be following up with their counterparts in other jurisdictions to also learn and support the work going forward.

Travel Activity

During the meeting Ministers:

- marked the achievements of the past year that have seen meaningful progress made towards high-quality, affordable, flexible, inclusive and accessible ELCC across Canada, recognizing the responsibility of provinces and territories for the design and delivery of ELCC systems;
- noted FPTs are working towards the shared goal of an average \$10-a-day early learning and child care by March 2026, including a 50 per cent reduction in average fees for regulated early learning and child care spaces by the end of 2022;
- noted that federal, provincial, and territorial governments will support the early childhood workforce, increase participation in the workforce, and help give children the best start in life;
- acknowledged that creating new child care spaces is essential to ensuring access to child care for families; and,
- agreed to establish a FPT forum of Ministers Most Responsible for ELCC to continue to meet, share information and advance shared priorities. Quebec will participate in the forum as an observer.

Quebec's Minister of Families, Mathieu Lacombe, shared lessons learned in establishing its affordable and accessible child care system, which marks its 25th anniversary this year. Other provincial and territorial ministers shared their experiences and successes in meeting the unique child care needs of their local communities in their ELCC systems.