

**Report on Travel Expenses
of
Members
of the
Yukon Legislative Assembly
2003 - 2004**

April, 2004

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REPORT FOR 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR

This report is made under direction of the Members' Services Board of the Yukon Legislative Assembly. The following extract is from the Minutes of the Members' Services Board meeting of February 2, 1999:

AGREED, THAT the Clerk prepare an annual report outlining expenditures made on MLA travel paid for from the Legislative Assembly budget including a breakdown, by Member, of the travel costs incurred in the following categories:

- (1) attending sittings of the Assembly and its committees (subsection 45(1) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, R.S.Y. 2002, c.136);
- (2) business as an MLA (subsection 45(2));
- (3) Ministers' travel to their electoral districts (subsection 47(1));
- (4) Leaders' travel (section 51); and
- (5) other travel paid for from the budget of the Legislative Assembly (for example, attendance at CPA conferences).

FURTHER AGREED, THAT this report be prepared on a fiscal year basis and identify, for each Member, the number of trips, the costs of transportation and the combined costs of meals, incidentals and accommodation [excepting where MLAs claim reimbursement pursuant to section 46 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, in which cases those payments (to cover the cost of renting or leasing accommodation) be identified separately].

FURTHER AGREED, THAT this report be transmitted to all Members and to the Speaker for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.

Accordingly, tables are attached which provide information on expenditures made from the Legislative Assembly budget on travel by Members of the Legislative Assembly during the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Explanations, including section references from the *Legislative Assembly Act*, for each category of travel and expense appearing on these tables, are as follows:

(1) **Rent**

Members who represent electoral districts outside Whitehorse and who reside outside Whitehorse and Ministers who represent electoral districts outside Whitehorse may claim reimbursement for renting accommodation in Whitehorse. Costs include monthly rent and other living expenses such as utilities. The maximum that could be claimed during the 2003-2004 fiscal year was \$778 per month. [Section 46]

(2) **MLA Travel**

Each Member who represents an electoral district outside Whitehorse and who resides outside Whitehorse and who is not in Cabinet qualifies for payment of expenses when absent from the Member's normal place of residence to attend:

- (a) a meeting of a caucus of a party, or
- (b) a meeting or event, in the capacity of a Member, when the Legislative Assembly is not sitting.

Claims under this provision are restricted to a maximum of 48 return trips and \$8,800 in accommodation and living expenses per fiscal year. The maximum for accommodation

and living expenses is reduced to \$4,400 per year if a Member is being reimbursed for expenditures incurred in renting or leasing accommodation. [Subsections 45(2) - (7)] A Member has the option of claiming for more than 48 trips. When that option is chosen, the cost of the excess trips is deducted from the maximum funding provided for accommodation and living expenses. [Section 48]

(3) **Ministers' MLA Travel**

Each Member who represents an electoral district outside Whitehorse and who is a Cabinet Minister qualifies for payment of expenses when visiting that electoral district in the capacity of a Member. Claims under this provision are restricted to a maximum of 24 return trips and \$4,400 in accommodation and living expenses per fiscal year. [Section 47] A Minister has the option of claiming for more than 24 trips. When that option is chosen, the cost of the excess trips is deducted from the maximum funding provided for accommodation and living expenses. [Section 48]

Note: The travel expenses of Ministers, when travelling in the capacity of a Minister, are not reimbursed from the Legislative Assembly appropriation and such amounts are not included in this report.

(4) **Recognized Leader Travel**

Each recognized leader (i.e., Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Leader of a Third Party) qualifies for payment of expenses when travelling within the Yukon in the performance of legislative duties. Claims under this provision are restricted to a maximum of 12 return trips and \$2,200 in accommodation and living expenses per fiscal year. [Section 51]

Note: The travel expenses of the Premier, when travelling in the capacity of a Minister, are not reimbursed from the Legislative Assembly appropriation and such amounts are not included in this report.

(5) **Sessional Travel**

Every Member qualifies for payment of expenses when absent from the Member's normal place of residence to attend a sitting of the Legislative Assembly. Members who reside in Whitehorse are not deemed to be absent from their normal place of residence when attending a function taking place within the City of Whitehorse. [Subsections 45(1), (6) and (7)]

(6) **Other Travel**

This category includes travel costs incurred in attending events such as: (1) meetings, seminars and conferences of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, (2) orientation sessions for new MLAs, (3) meetings as a representative of a caucus, (4) meetings of committees of the Legislative Assembly and (5) legislative exchanges with the Alaska State Legislature. [Subsection 45(1)]

**TOTALS FOR 2003-2004 EXPENDITURES FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION ON
TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Rent	\$65,352.00
MLA Travel	\$57,051.69
Ministers' MLA Travel	\$20,200.70
Recognized Leader Travel	\$5,389.58
Sessional Travel	\$43,472.16
Other Travel	\$22,183.19
TOTAL	<u>\$213,649.32</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION ON
TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

2003 - 2004		2002 - 2003		2001 - 2002	
Rent	\$65,352.00	Rent	\$69,491.00	Rent	\$68,040.00
MLA Travel	\$56,968.89	MLA Travel	\$79,680.94	MLA Travel	\$80,882.67
Ministers' MLA Travel	\$20,200.70	Ministers' MLA Travel	\$18,677.18	Ministers' MLA Travel	\$4,896.12
Recognized Leader Travel	\$5,389.58	Recognized Leader Travel	\$1,921.16	Recognized Leader Travel	\$3,719.33
Sessional Travel	\$43,454.96	Sessional Travel	\$49,781.59	Sessional Travel	\$69,099.83
Other Travel	\$22,183.19	Other Travel	\$27,580.84	Other Travel	\$18,329.58
TOTAL	<u>\$213,549.32</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$247,132.71</u>		<u>\$242,967.53</u>
2000 - 2001		1999 -2000		1998 - 1999	
Rent	\$64,595.05	Rent	\$60,312.00	Rent	\$61,655.00
MLA Travel	\$72,450.07	MLA Travel	\$41,939.67	MLA Travel	\$39,050.31
Ministers' MLA Travel	\$522.40	Ministers' MLA Travel	\$24,645.88	Ministers' MLA Travel	\$22,474.75
Recognized Leader Travel	\$286.75	Recognized Leader Travel	\$5,197.18	Recognized Leader Travel	\$3,342.08
Sessional Travel	\$86,184.72	Sessional Travel	\$39,265.10	Sessional Travel	\$53,428.39
Other Travel	\$17,950.60	Other Travel	\$5,007.14	Other Travel	\$10,861.01
TOTAL	<u>\$241,989.59</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$176,366.97</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$190,811.54</u>

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT	
OIC 2000/46	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
TOTAL RENT	-

[illegible][illegible][illegible]**HAAKON
ARNTZEN**

Electoral District:
Copperbelt

Place of residence:
Whitehorse

TOTALS

Total of Transp. & Other	-
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Total of Transp. & Other	98.70
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Total of Transp. & Other	3.493.87
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GRAND TOTAL (All Travel from above) -	\$ 3,592.57
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**STEVE
CARDIFF**

Electoral District:
Mount Lorne

Place of residence:
Whitehorse

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Total of Transp. & Other	502.46
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Total of Transp. & Other	583.49
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Total of Transp. & Other	100.00
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GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - \$ **1,085.95**

April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

Note: The number of MLA Travel trips claimed by Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, pursuant to section 45 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, is in accordance with section 48 of that Act.

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT	
OIC 2000/46	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
TOTAL RENT	-

**PAT
DUNCAN**

Electoral District:
Porter Creek South

Place of residence:
Whitehorse

TOTALS

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Total of Transp. & Other	-
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[illegible]

Total of Transp. & Other	<u>505.54</u>
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Total of Transp. & Other	740.84
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GRAND TOTAL (All Travel from above) -	\$ 1,246.38
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MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT

OIC 2000/46	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
TOTAL RENT	-

MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL

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SESSIONAL TRAVEL

[illegible]

OTHER TRAVEL

[illegible]

**JOHN
EDZERZA**

Electoral District:
McIntyre-Takhini

Place of Residence:
Whitehorse

TOTALS

Total of Transp. & Other	-
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Total of Transp. & Other	493.49
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Total of Transp. & Other	-
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GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - \$ **493.49**

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT	
OIC 2000/46	
April	778.00
May	778.00
June	778.00
July	778.00
August	778.00
September	778.00
October	778.00
November	778.00
December	778.00
January	778.00
February	778.00
March	778.00
TOTAL RENT	9,336.00

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# of Trips	Transportation	Other
1	1,245.00	1,644.48
CPA Regional Conf. Victoria, B C.		
1	169.75	382.00
Public Accounts Committee (Feb. 2-6/04)		
2	1,414.75	2,026.48

**ERIC
FAIRCLOUGH**

Electoral District:
Mayo-Tatchun

Place of residence:
Carmacks

TOTALS

Total of Transp. & Other	11,442.15
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Total of Transp. & Other	<u>8,735.26</u>
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Total of Transp. & Other	3,441.23
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GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - **\$ 32,954.64**

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT	
OIC 2000/46	
April	778.00
May	778.00
June	778.00
July	778.00
August	778.00
September	778.00
October	778.00
November	778.00
December	778.00
January	778.00
February	778.00
March	778.00
TOTAL RENT	9,336.00

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**DENNIS
FENTIE**

Electoral District:
Watson Lake

Place of Residence:
Whitehorse

TOTALS

Total of Transp. & Other	6,178.94
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Total of Transp. & Other	493.49
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Total of Transp. & Other	-
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GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - **\$ 16,008.43**

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT		MLA TRAVEL			SESSIONAL TRAVEL			OTHER TRAVEL				
OIC 2000/46		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other		
April					1	394.79	98.70	1	493.14	309.35		
May					Mayo Sitting - June 12, 2003			Alaska/Yukon Legislative Exchange				
June												
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												
January												
February												
March												
TOTAL RENT	-							1	493.14	309.35		
TODD HARDY Electoral District: Whitehorse Centre Place of residence: Whitehorse								RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL				
									1	519.92	363.26	
									1	153.26	161.83	
									1	519.92	405.95	
									1	596.55	437.80	
									1	519.92	204.63	
									1	560.00	205.70	
TOTALS		0	-	-	1	394.79	98.70	6	2,869.57	1,779.17		
Total of Transp. & Other		-			Total of Transp. & Other		493.49		Total of Transp. & Other		5,451.23	
GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) -		\$ 5,944.72										

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT	
OIC 2000/46	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
TOTAL RENT	-

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**GLENN
HART**

**Electoral District:
Riverdale South**

Place of Residence:
Whitehorse

TOTALS

Total of Transp. & Other	-
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Total of Transp. & Other	<u>506.99</u>
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Total of Transp. & Other	686.59
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GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - \$ **1,193.58**

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT

OIC 2000/46	
April	778.00
May	778.00
June	778.00
July	778.00
August	778.00
September	778.00
October	778.00
November	778.00
December	778.00
January	778.00
February	778.00
March	778.00
TOTAL RENT	9,336.00

MLA TRAVEL

# of Trips	Transportation	Other
4	1,055.36	1,610.00
2	704.22	835.70
4.5	1,776.56	1,804.85
2.5	532.53	149.45
4	1,055.46	-
4.5	798.80	-
21.5	5,922.93	4,400.00

Total of Transp. & Other	10,322.93
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**DEAN
HASSARD**

Electoral District:
Pelly-Nisutlin

Place of residence:
Teslin

TOTALS

GRAND TOTAL (All Travel from above) -

\$ 25,920.62

SESSIONAL TRAVEL

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Total of Transp. & Other	5,838.43
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OTHER TRAVEL

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Total of Transp. & Other	<u>423.26</u>
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MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT

OIC 2000/46	
April	778.00
May	778.00
June	778.00
July	778.00
August	778.00
September	778.00
October	778.00
November	778.00
December	778.00
January	778.00
February	778.00
March	778.00
TOTAL RENT	9,336.00

MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL

# of Trips	Transportation	Other
1	514.56	-
1	514.56	-
1	514.56	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
3	1,559.76	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
1	519.92	-
27	14,021.76	-

SESSIONAL TRAVEL

[illegible]

OTHER TRAVEL

[illegible]

PETER JENKINS

Electoral District:
Klondike

Place of residence:
Whitehorse

TOTALS

Total of Transp. & Other	14,021.76
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Total of Transp. & Other	<u>422.95</u>
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Total of Transp. & Other	-
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GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - **\$ 23,780.71**

Note: The number of Minister's MLA trips claimed by Peter Jenkins, Member for Klondike, pursuant to section 47 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, is in accordance with section 48 of that Act.

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004

RENT	
OIC 2000/46	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
TOTAL RENT	-

**ELAINE
TAYLOR**

Electoral District:
Whitehorse West

Place of Residence:
Whitehorse

TOTALS

MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL		
# of Trips	Transportation	Other
0	-	-

Total of Transp. & Other -

SESSIONAL TRAVEL		
# of Trips	Transportation	Other
1		178.70
Mayo Sitting - June 12, 2003		
1	-	178.70

Total of Transp. & Other 178.70

OTHER TRAVEL		
# of Trips	Transportation	Other
1	493.14	193.45
Alaska/Yukon Legislative Exchange		
1	493.14	193.45

Total of Transp. & Other 686.59

GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - \$ 865.29