

**Report on Travel Expenses**  
**of**  
**Members**  
**of the**  
**Yukon Legislative Assembly**  
**2009 - 2010**

**April, 2010**

# SUBSISTENCE, TRAVEL and ACCOMMODATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## REPORT FOR 2009-2010 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 2009-2010 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. In 2007, the Legislature amended the *Legislative Assembly Act* to provide that as of June 1, 2007, Members who represent electoral districts outside Whitehorse and who reside in Whitehorse may claim reimbursement for renting accommodation in the electoral district they represent. Costs include monthly rent and other living expenses such as utilities. The maximum that could be claimed during the 2009-2010 fiscal year was \$1089 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 \$14,600 in accommodation and living expenses per fiscal year. The maximum for accommodation and living expenses is reduced to \$7,300 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 \$7,300 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 \$3,600 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)]

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

2009 - 2010	2008 - 2009	2007 - 2008	2006 - 2007	2005 - 2006	2004 - 2005	2003 - 2004	2002 - 2003	2001 - 2002
RENT	RENT	RENT	RENT	RENT	RENT	RENT	RENT	RENT
MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL	MLA TRAVEL
MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	MINISTERS' TRAVEL
RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL
SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	SESSIONAL TRAVEL
OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL	OTHER TRAVEL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
\$77,319.00	\$78,408.00	\$78,408.00	\$66,560.00	\$65,560.00	\$65,352.00	\$65,352.00	\$69,491.00	\$68,040.00
\$67,405.71	\$67,233.04	\$67,233.04	\$64,260.52	\$65,722.02	\$65,722.02	\$56,968.89	\$79,680.94	\$80,882.67
\$37,536.32	\$50,695.19	\$50,695.19	\$20,715.56	\$27,745.70	\$27,745.70	\$20,200.70	\$18,677.18	\$4,896.12
\$5,662.57	\$7,645.04	\$7,645.04	\$8,333.91	\$6,889.79	\$6,889.79	\$5,389.58	\$1,921.16	\$3,719.33
\$43,171.31	\$49,132.77	\$49,132.77	\$43,205.10	\$49,848.69	\$49,848.69	\$43,454.96	\$49,781.59	\$69,099.83
\$52,492.57	\$39,954.43	\$39,954.43	\$29,268.27	\$17,435.90	\$17,435.90	\$22,183.19	\$27,580.84	\$16,329.58
<b>\$283,587.48</b>	<b>\$293,068.47</b>	<b>\$293,068.47</b>	<b>\$232,343.36</b>	<b>\$232,994.10</b>	<b>\$232,994.10</b>	<b>\$213,549.32</b>	<b>\$247,132.71</b>	<b>\$242,967.53</b>

**TOTALS FOR 2009 - 2010 EXPENDITURES FROM LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION ON TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

RENT	\$77,319.00
MLA TRAVEL	\$67,405.71
MINISTERS' TRAVEL	\$37,536.32
RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	\$5,662.57
SESSIONAL TRAVEL	\$43,171.31
OTHER TRAVEL	<u>\$52,492.57</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$283,587.48</u></b>

**OTHER TRAVEL**

COMMITTEE TRAVEL	\$5,153.10
CPA TRAVEL	\$11,307.39
CAUCUS REP. TRAVEL	\$18,436.99
SPECIAL SITTING IN D.C.	\$17,355.74
SPEAKER TRAVEL	\$239.35
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$52,492.57</u></b>

**MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET**  
**April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010**

<b>RENT</b>		<b>MLA TRAVEL</b>			<b>SESSIONAL TRAVEL</b>			<b>OTHER TRAVEL</b>		
		<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>
May		18	403.65	189.60	29	650.33	237.00	1	618.70	592.70
June		35	784.88	-	24	538.20	237.00	Special Sitting in Dawson City June 12 /09		
July		12	269.10	426.60	8	179.40	284.40			
August		14	313.95	379.20	7	156.98	237.00			
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>-</b>									
<b>STEVE CARDIFF</b>										
Electoral District: Mount Lorne										
Place of residence: Carcross Rd.										
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>1,771.58</b>	<b>995.40</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,524.91</b>	<b>995.40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>618.70</b>	<b>592.70</b>
		<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>		<b><u>2,766.98</u></b>	<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>		<b><u>2,520.31</u></b>	<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>		<b><u>1,211.40</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) -</b>				<b><u>\$ 6,498.69</u></b>						

**MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET**  
**April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010**

<b>RENT</b>		<b>MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL</b>			<b>SESSIONAL TRAVEL</b>			<b>OTHER TRAVEL</b>		
		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other
May		83	3,054.40	-	8	294.40	65.60	1	618.70	589.90
June					24	883.20	278.80	Special Sitting in Dawson City June 12 /09		
July					5	184.00	319.00			
August					7	257.60	446.60			
September		83	3,054.40	-						
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>-</b>									
<b>BRAD CATHERS</b>										
Electoral District:										
Lake Laberge										
Place of residence:										
Lake Laberge										
<b>TOTALS</b>		60	2,200.60	1,248.80	44	1,619.20	1,110.00	1	618.70	589.90
		<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>			<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>			<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>		
				<b>3,449.40</b>			<b>2,729.20</b>			<b>1,208.60</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	(All Travel from above) -			<b>\$ 10,441.60</b>						

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, 2009 - March 31, 2010**

RENT		MLA TRAVEL			SESSIONAL TRAVEL			OTHER TRAVEL		
		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other
May	1,089.00	1	-	291.20				1	587.08	258.10
June	1,089.00	1	570.00	566.00				Special Sitting in Dawson City June 12 /09		
July	1,089.00	1	626.00	215.90				1	679.80	1,684.70
August	1,089.00	1	442.75	352.25				CPA 47th Regional Conference in Toronto July 20 - 24 /09		
September	1,089.00	1	630.00	199.60				1	400.09	80.10
October	1,089.00	1	630.00	124.30				Yukon Day at Olympics in Vancouver B.C. Feb. 20 /10 as Caucus Rep.		
November	1,089.00	1	543.34	564.40						
December	1,089.00	1	979.80	387.01						
January	1,089.00	1	602.00	199.60						
February	1,089.00	1	644.00	32.70						
March	1,089.00	1	746.00	657.60						
April	1,089.00	1	383.50	119.50						
		1	647.00	211.10						
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>13,068.00</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>302.00</b>	<b>-</b>						
<b>DARIUS ELIAS</b>										
Electoral District: Vuntut Gwitchin										
Place of residence: Whitehorse										
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>13.5</b>	<b>7,746.39</b>	<b>3,921.16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,666.97</b>	<b>2,022.90</b>
		<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>	<b>11,667.55</b>		<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>	<b>3,689.87</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>(All Travel from above) -</b>		<b>\$ 28,425.42</b>							







**MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET**  
**April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010**

<b>RENT</b>		<b>MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL</b>			<b>SESSIONAL TRAVEL</b>			<b>OTHER TRAVEL</b>		
		<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>
May								1	618.70	511.70
June								Special Sitting in Dawson City June 12 /09		
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>-</b>									
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>618.70</b>	<b>511.70</b>

**GLENN  
HART**  
  
 Electoral District:  
 Riverdale South  
  
 Place of Residence:  
 Whitehorse

Total of Transp. & Other           -      Total of Transp. & Other           -      Total of Transp. & Other       1,130.40

**GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) -       \$ 1,130.40**





**MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET**  
**April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010**

<b>RENT</b>		<b>MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL</b>			<b>SESSIONAL TRAVEL</b>			<b>OTHER TRAVEL</b>		
		<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>
May								1	1,010.00	-
June								Charter to Dawson City for Special Sitting June 12 /09		
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>-</b>									
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,010.00</b>	<b>-</b>

**JIM  
KENYON**

Electoral District:  
Porter Creek North

Place of Residence:  
Whitehorse

Total of Transp. & Other                     -

Total of Transp. & Other                     -

Total of Transp. & Other                   1,010.00

**GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) -                \$ 1,010.00**









**MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET  
April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010**

<b>RENT</b>		<b>MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL</b>			<b>MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL IN LIEU OF RENT</b>			<b>OTHER TRAVEL</b>		
		<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>
May		20	956.23	-	8	377.20	47.40	1	686.55	488.20
June		4	188.60	-	8	377.20	-	Special Sitting in Dawson City June 12 /09		
July					8	458.85	32.80			
August					19	946.16	253.30			
September					13	612.95	176.70			
October					21	1,030.98	16.40			
November					17.5	882.05	-			
December					7	330.05	-			
January					6	282.90	590.95			
February					23	1,131.60	-			
March										
April										
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>-</b>									
<b>PATRICK ROUBLE</b>										
Electoral District: Southern Lakes										
Place of residence: Marsh Lake										
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>1,144.83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>6,429.94</b>	<b>1,117.55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>686.55</b>	<b>488.20</b>
		<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>			<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>			<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>		
		<u><b>1,144.83</b></u>			<u><b>7,547.49</b></u>			<u><b>1,174.75</b></u>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL (All Travel from above) -</b>		<u><b>\$ 9,867.07</b></u>								

*Note:* The number of MLA Travel trips claimed by Patrick Rouble, Member for Southern Lakes, 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, 2009 - March 31, 2010**

<b>RENT</b>		<b>MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL</b>			<b>SESSIONAL TRAVEL</b>			<b>OTHER TRAVEL</b>		
		<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b># of Trips</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Other</b>
May								1	618.70	65.40
June								Special Sitting in Dawson City June 12 /09		
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
<b>TOTAL RENT</b>	<b>-</b>									
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>618.70</b>	<b>65.40</b>
		<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>			<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>			<b>Total of Transp. &amp; Other</b>		
		<u><u>-</u></u>			<u><u>-</u></u>			<u><u>684.10</u></u>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) -</b>		<b>\$ 684.10</b>								
		<u><u>684.10</u></u>								

**ELAINE TAYLOR**  
  
 Electoral District:  
 Whitehorse West  
  
 Place of Residence:  
 Whitehorse