

**Report on Subsistence,
Travel & Accommodations
of
Members
of the
Yukon Legislative Assembly
2014 - 2015**

May, 2015

SUBSISTENCE, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

REPORT FOR 2014-2015 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 subsistence, travel and accommodations by Members of the Legislative Assembly during the 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 fiscal year was \$1,345.00 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 Yukon in the performance of parliamentary 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 SUBSISTENCE, TRAVEL
AND ACCOMMODATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

2014 - 2015		2013 - 2014		2012 - 2013	
RENT	81,478.00	RENT	82,028.00	RENT	68,849.00
MLA TRAVEL	59,107.37	MLA TRAVEL	61,538.22	MLA TRAVEL	57,114.80
MINISTER'S TRAVEL	24,966.78	MINISTER'S TRAVEL	20,310.08	MINISTER'S TRAVEL	19,981.60
RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	7,877.24	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	6,465.54	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	5,761.65
SESSIONAL TRAVEL	50,191.04	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	49,600.21	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	45,099.62
OTHER TRAVEL	50,572.73	OTHER TRAVEL	69,250.05	OTHER TRAVEL	42,205.22
TOTAL	<u>\$274,193.16</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$289,192.10</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$239,011.89</u>
2011 - 2012		2010 - 2011		2009 - 2010	
RENT	\$74,851.85	RENT	\$79,497.00	RENT	\$77,319.00
MLA TRAVEL	\$92,760.27	MLA TRAVEL	\$59,386.43	MLA TRAVEL	\$67,405.71
MINISTER'S TRAVEL	\$41,145.24	MINISTER'S TRAVEL	\$45,225.20	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	\$37,536.32
RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	\$5,759.67	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	\$4,056.56	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	\$5,662.57
SESSIONAL TRAVEL	\$16,432.71	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	\$77,707.27	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	\$43,171.31
OTHER TRAVEL	\$27,945.72	OTHER TRAVEL	\$50,847.33	OTHER TRAVEL	\$52,492.57
TOTAL	<u>\$258,895.46</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$316,719.79</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$283,587.48</u>
2008 - 2009		2007 - 2008		2006 - 2007	
RENT	\$78,408.00	RENT	\$60,480.00	RENT	\$66,560.00
MLA TRAVEL	\$67,233.04	MLA TRAVEL	\$51,863.81	MLA TRAVEL	\$64,260.52
MINISTERS' TRAVEL	\$50,695.19	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	\$38,274.10	MINISTERS' TRAVEL	\$20,715.56
RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	\$7,645.04	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	\$6,870.68	RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	\$8,333.91
SESSIONAL TRAVEL	\$49,132.77	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	\$54,355.09	SESSIONAL TRAVEL	\$43,205.10
OTHER TRAVEL	\$39,954.43	OTHER TRAVEL	\$38,430.43	OTHER TRAVEL	\$29,268.27
TOTAL	<u>\$293,068.47</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$250,274.11</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$232,343.36</u>

TOTALS FOR 2014 - 2015
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATION ON SUBSISTENCE, TRAVEL
AND ACCOMMODATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

RENT	81,478.00
MLA TRAVEL	59,107.37
MINISTERS' MLA TRAVEL	24,966.78
RECOGNIZED LEADER TRAVEL	7,877.24
SESSIONAL TRAVEL	50,191.04
OTHER TRAVEL	50,572.73
TOTAL	<u><u>\$274,193.16</u></u>

OTHER TRAVEL CONSISTS OF:

COMMITTEE TRAVEL	21,171.46
CPA TRAVEL	8,937.11
CAUCUS REP. / CONFERENCE TRAVEL	15,664.41
SPEAKER TRAVEL	4,799.75
GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$50,572.73</u></u>

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

RENT		MLA TRAVEL			SESSIONAL TRAVEL			OTHER TRAVEL		
		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other
May	1,089.00	7.5	815.63	286.95	9.5	885.63	2,451.50	1	672.50	472.50
June	1,089.00	12	1,275.01	711.25	8.5	850.00	1,156.65	AYC AGM in Dawson City as Caucus Rep. May/14		
July	1,089.00	10	1,028.75	547.95	5.5	815.00	1,652.05	1	0.00	492.90
August	1,089.00							Community mtgs as Caucus Rep. Feb./15		
September	1,089.00									
October	1,089.00									
November	1,089.00									
December	1,089.00									
January	1,089.00									
February	1,089.00									
March	1,089.00									
April	1,089.00									
TOTAL RENT	13,068.00									
KEVIN BARR										
Electoral District: Mount Lorne - South Lakes										
Place of Residence: Crag Lake										
TOTALS		29.5	3,119.39	1,546.15	23.5	2,550.63	5,260.20	2	672.50	965.40
		Total of Transp. & Other	<u><u>4,665.54</u></u>		Total of Transp. & Other	<u><u>7,810.83</u></u>		Total of Transp. & Other	<u><u>1,637.90</u></u>	
GRAND TOTAL (All Travel from above) -			<u><u>\$ 27,182.27</u></u>							

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

RENT		MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL			SESSIONAL TRAVEL			OTHER TRAVEL		
		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other
May		212	8,480.00	0.00						
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
TOTAL RENT	-									
BRAD CATHERS										
Electoral District: Lake Laberge										
Place of residence: Lake Laberge										
TOTALS		212	8,480.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total of Transp. & Other			<u><u>8,480.00</u></u>		Total of Transp. & Other		<u><u>-</u></u>	Total of Transp. & Other		<u><u>-</u></u>
GRAND TOTAL (All Travel from above) -			<u><u>\$ 8,480.00</u></u>							

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, 2014 - March 31, 2015

RENT		MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL			SESSIONAL TRAVEL			OTHER TRAVEL			
		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	
May								1	182.21	0.00	
June								RBHF Hearings WL/Tes/OC/Dawson Jun/14			
July											
August											
September											
October											
November											
December											
January											
February											
March											
April											
TOTAL RENT	-										
CURRIE DIXON Electoral District: Copperbelt North Place of Residence: Whitehorse											
TOTALS		0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1	182.21	0.00	

Total of Transp. & Other -

Total of Transp. & Other -

Total of Transp. & Other 182.21

GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - \$ 182.21

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

RENT		MINISTER'S MLA TRAVEL			SESSIONAL TRAVEL			OTHER TRAVEL		
		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
TOTAL RENT	-									
TOTALS		0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00

ELAINE TAYLOR

 Electoral District:
 Whitehorse West

 Place of Residence:
 Whitehorse

Total of Transp. & Other	<u>-</u>	Total of Transp. & Other	<u>-</u>	Total of Transp. & Other	<u>-</u>
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GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) - \$ -

MLA TRAVEL PAID FROM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUDGET
April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

RENT		MLA TRAVEL			SESSIONAL TRAVEL			OTHER TRAVEL		
		# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other	# of Trips	Transportation	Other
May		15	4,113.75	1,374.10				1.5	388.75	518.95
June		17	5,417.51	1,013.60				RBHF Hearings various commnuities June-July/14		
July		8	2,593.75	1,065.90				1	265.91	652.20
August								AME BC Round Up as Caucus Rep. in Van. BC Jan, /15		
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
TOTAL RENT	-									
TOTALS		40	12,125.01	3,453.60	0	0.00	0.00	2.5	654.66	1,171.15
		Total of Transp. & Other		15,578.61	Total of Transp. & Other		-	Total of Transp. & Other		1,825.81
GRAND TOTAL (Rent and all Travel from above) -		\$ 17,404.42								

JIM TREDGER
 Electoral District:
 Mayo-Tatchun
 Place of Residence:
 Stepping Stone

