

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

MLA Compensation and Travel Expense Report

Paid in the Period April 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 [note1]

The accompanying notes included below form an integral part of this report



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MLA Compensation

Basic Compensation	Note 2	\$	19,814
Additional Salaries	Note 3		-
Executive Salaries	Note 4	\$	7,814
Total Compensation During the Period		\$	<u>27,628</u>

MLA Travel Expense Summary

Capital City Allowance			
Accommodation	Note 5	\$	-
Per diem	Note 6		-
In-Constituency Travel	Note 7		
Classification		Semi-Urban	
Allowance			822
General Travel	Note 8		
Travel costs			3,870
Per diem			-
Accompanying Person Travel	Note 9		
Number of trips		2	
Travel costs			438
Speaker Approved Travel	Note 10		-
Out of Province/Country Travel - Ministerial	Note 11		-
Total Travel Expenses During the Period	Note 12	\$	<u>5,130</u>

Note 1 This report, prepared on a cash basis, provides details of travel expenses that have been processed and paid in the period. It does not include travel expenses where the travel expense claim has not been submitted for processing, or where the travel claim is in the process of being paid.

Note 2 Basic compensation for a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) is established under the *Members' Remuneration and Pensions Act*.

- Note 3 Members who hold parliamentary positions receive an additional salary that corresponds to a percentage of their basic compensation. If an MLA concurrently holds two or more positions for which an additional salary is granted, the MLA will receive only the higher amount.
- Note 4 Members that hold an executive position in government receive an additional salary that corresponds to a percentage of their basic compensation. Ministerial salaries are subject to a holdback per cent, payable upon meeting the conditions as outlined in the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act*.
- Note 5 Capital City Allowance - Accommodation
Members from outside the Capital Regional District are paid an allowance to cover their accommodation costs while in Victoria. There are a number of options available to Members depending on whether they chose to rent, own a second residence, or stay in hotels. The allowance is subject to annual maximums depending on the option selected.
- Note 6 Capital City Allowance - Per Diem
Members are paid a daily per diem rate of up to \$61 per day while in Victoria on Legislative Assembly business (no receipts are required).
- Note 7 In-Constituency Travel
Members are paid an annual allowance for travel and out-of-pocket expenses within their ridings. The amount is dependent on the classification of the riding. *Due to the May 2013 general election the in-constituency allowance was pro-rated for the first quarter of the fiscal year (April – June).*
- Note 8 General Travel - Member
This expense category is for Member's travel within the Province (but not within their constituency) while carrying out work as an MLA. It includes transportation and accommodations costs, as well as per diem payments for food and incidentals. This expense category also includes travel within the Province for Members of Cabinet (Ministers and Ministers of State). These expenses are managed and paid for by the respective Ministries or the Ministry of Finance, and not the Legislative Assembly. Travel costs for Members of Cabinet reflect the amounts disclosed on the Province of British Columbia website at <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page> which includes transportation and accommodations costs, as well as per diem payments for food and incidentals.
- Note 9 Accompanying Person Travel
Members are allocated up to 12 trips per fiscal year to be used by an accompanying person.
- Note 10 Speaker Approved Travel
Certain travel expenses require the approval of the Speaker. Examples include out-of-province / out-of-country travel in connection with specific duties (e.g. Commonwealth Parliamentary Association functions) and attendance at conferences and other meetings. Out-of-province / out-of-country travel expenses incurred by the Speaker are approved by the Executive Financial Officer.
- Note 11 Out of Province/Country Travel - Ministerial
This expense category is for out-of-province/out-of-country travel for Members of Cabinet (Ministers and Ministers of State). These expenses are managed and paid for by the respective Ministries or the Ministry of Finance, and not the Legislative Assembly. Travel costs for Members of Cabinet reflect the amounts disclosed on the Province of British Columbia website at <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>.
- Note 12 Committee Travel
Parliamentary Committees Members' travel is not included in this report of Members' travel expenses. A majority of the travel expenses in this category are initiated and paid by the Parliamentary Committees Office on behalf of Committee Members for meetings held in Victoria or in other locations. Total Parliamentary Committee travel expenses paid for individual Committee Members for April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 is \$144,191. Further details on Members' committee related travel costs can be found on the Parliamentary Committee Members' Travel Expense Summary.