

## Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner

### REPORT ON ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY AND CONFERENCES

As required by the Treasury Board [Directive for the Management of Expenditures on Travel, Hospitality and Conferences](#), this report provides information on the total annual expenditures for each of travel, hospitality and conferences for the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011.

Expenditures on travel, hospitality and conferences incurred by the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner are for the most part directly related to supporting its mandate and priorities.

In particular, the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner administers the *Conflict of Interest Act* for public office holders and the *Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons*. The Act and the Code set out a number of obligations and prohibit various activities that involve conflicts between private and public interests, or have the potential to do so. The Office administers these two regimes by:

- Providing confidential advice to public office holders and elected Members of Parliament about how to comply with the Act and the Code;
- Reviewing their confidential reports, on matters such as assets, liabilities and activities;
- Making information available;
- Investigating possible contraventions; and
- Reporting to Parliament.

Its activities in support of this role include working with others in jurisdictions across Canada and around the world.

The Commissioner is also mandated to provide confidential advice to the Prime Minister about conflict of interest and ethics issues.

Total annual expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences of the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner are summarized below:

<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2011</b>
Travel – Public Servants	\$11,788
Travel – Non-Public Servants	Not applicable
International Travel by Minister and Minister’s Staff *	Not applicable
<b>Total Travel</b>	\$11,788
<b>Hospitality</b>	\$2,109
<b>Conference Fees</b>	\$9,030
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$22,927

(\*) Includes international travel that is part of a department’s program.