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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### MINISTERIAL AND OUT OF PROVINCE TRAVEL EXPENSES ACT

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1987)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definition

**1** In this Act, “expenses” means any costs incurred that have been or will be paid out of public funds in respect of travel, accommodation, sustenance, entertainment and any other expenditure related to the purpose of the travel for or authorized for a third party by a Minister, his executive assistant or any member of the staff of the Minister’s office.

Ministers  
expense report

**2(1)** Every Minister shall, in respect of each month, table in the Legislative Assembly a report showing the total amount of expenses incurred by his office and showing separately the amounts incurred for each person involved and the separate totals for travel, accommodation, sustenance, entertainment and any other expenditure related to the purpose of the travel.

(2) A report pursuant to subsection (1) shall be tabled in the Legislative Assembly no later than the end of the month following the month in respect of which the report is made, if the Assembly is sitting at that time and if it is not sitting at that time, within 15 days of the commencement of the next sitting.

(3) Where a report pursuant to subsection (1) has not been tabled in the Legislative Assembly because the Assembly is not sitting at the time, it shall, by the end of the month following the month in respect of which the report is being made, be filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

(4) The Clerk shall retain every report tabled or filed pursuant to this section for 5 years as a public record and make it available for inspection by any member of the public upon request and furnish a copy thereof on request at a cost prescribed by order of the Select Standing Committee on Members' Service not exceeding 20 cents per page.

Travel plans

3(1) Every Member of the Legislative Assembly and employee in the Public Service of Alberta shall, prior to commencing any travel that will go outside Alberta at public expense, file a travel plan with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with this section.

(2) A travel plan shall be filed no less than 24 hours prior to the start of the travel unless for reasons and certified in writing by the Member or by the Minister under whose administration the travel falls, to be correct, it is not possible to file the plan 24 hours before.

(3) A travel plan shall include:

(a) the itinerary and cost of the travel and proposed accommodation;

(b) the names of all persons travelling at public expense;

(c) the persons or organizations to be visited, except in cases where the Member or the Minister under whose administration the travel falls certifies in writing that to reveal that information would be contrary to the public interest;

(d) the purpose of the visit;

(e) the forecast total cost of the trip.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3) a person who travels in a vehicle, aircraft or other form of transportation that is provided at public expense is deemed to be travelling at public expense.

(5) A travel plan may cover one or more persons.

(6) Within 24 hours of receipt of a travel plan the Clerk shall deliver a copy to the offices of:

(a) the Premier,

(b) the Provincial Treasurer, and

(c) the leader of every party represented in the Legislative Assembly.

(7) The Clerk shall retain every travel plan filed pursuant to this section for 5 years as a public record and make it available for inspection by any member of the public upon request and furnish a copy thereon on request at a cost prescribed by order of the Select Standing committee on Members' Services not exceeding 20 cents per page.