

PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL

Executive summary

1. The SPCB is invited to note forthcoming overseas parliamentary travel and, in accordance with paragraph 2.4.2 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament in relation to receipt by Members of travel, hospitality etc., approve the details of the travel and other costs associated with it.

Issues and options

2. The attached table provides details of a planned visit next month. As the SPCB is aware, advance approval for such visits means that travel on parliamentary business is not regarded as a registrable interest under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

Resource implications

3. The travel, hotel, and other associated costs for a visit by the Presiding Officer to attend the Sir John A. Macdonald commemorative event in Kingston, Canada, will be met by the UK and International Relations Office.

Publication scheme

4. This paper will be published as part of the SPCB's Publication Scheme.

Decision

5. The SPCB is invited to note the attached table detailing this visit on behalf of the Parliament and, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, approve the details of the costs associated with the visit.

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VISIT DATE	DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES	TIME	DESTINATION	PARTICIPANTS	APPROX. COST TO SPCB
8-13 January 2015	<p>The Presiding Officer will attend events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first and founding Prime Minister, in Kingston, Canada on 11 January 2015. The Presiding Officer has been invited to attend this event by the Office of the City of Kingston's Sir John A. Macdonald Bicentennial Ambassador.</p> <p>In addition to representing the Parliament at the event, the Presiding Officer will undertake other engagements in her role as Presiding Officer.</p> <p>The Presiding Officer will be supported by an official from the UK and International Relations Office.</p>	6 days	Kingston, Canada	Presiding Officer UKIRO official	£6,000