

## Statement by the Right Honourable David Johnston

### **Former Governor General Expenses for The Right Honourable David Johnston Fiscal Year 2018-19**

Serving Canada as Governor General for seven years was an immense privilege for which Sharon and I will be forever grateful. I was deeply honoured to represent Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Connecting with many thousands of Canadians from coast to coast to coast, as well as hundreds of communities and organizations, has provided truly extraordinary opportunities to give back to our country. It is a vocation I have tried to continue post-mandate to the best of my abilities and in keeping with the vice-regal focus on connecting, honouring and inspiring Canadians.

One of my principal areas of activity has been to serve as volunteer chair of the Rideau Hall Foundation (RHF). Backed by dedicated staff, an exceptional board from across the country and valued partnerships from the public and private sectors, the Foundation works to advance learning, innovation, leadership and giving. From enabling the awarding of the Arctic Inspiration Prize to more than 27 teams of Northerners, to the nearly 2,000 Queen Elizabeth scholars, to the Learning Partnership for Indigenous Youth, to three new major research papers on giving, the RHF mobilizes people and ideas for the benefit of Canada and the world. For more information on the RHF, including audited financial statements, please visit [www.rhf-frh.ca](http://www.rhf-frh.ca).

Expenses outlined below reflect post-mandate activities related to: my ongoing role as Colonel of the Royal Canadian Regiment; my role as advisor to numerous non-profit organizations; as well as various speaking engagements.

#### **The Former Governors General Administrative Support Program**

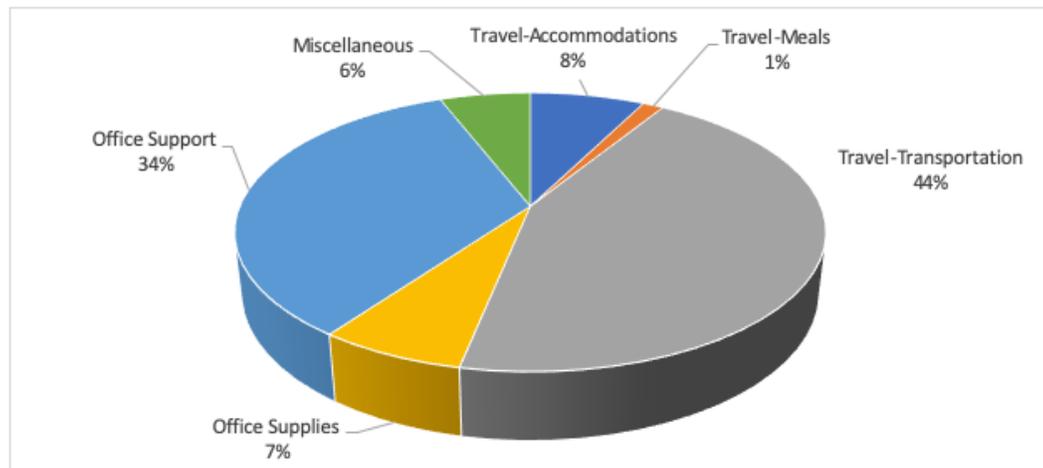
Starting with fiscal year 2017-18 (consistent with the Government's fiscal calendar), annual reports are prepared of my expenditures under this Program, which began four decades ago and is administered under a policy overseen by the then Secretary to the Governor General. Future reports will be adjusted to reflect public feedback and the results of the Government's review of the Program.

## OSGG Expense Claims

For the twelve months ending March 31, 2019

### Summary of claims reimbursed by type:

Travel-Accommodations	5,982.17
Travel-Meals	1,085.54
Travel-Transportation	35,432.24
Office Supplies	5,425.63
Office Support	27,231.83
Miscellaneous	4,730.02
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### Distribution of expenses by amount of claim

\$ value of claim	# of claims
\$0-\$50	66
\$51-\$100	22
\$101-\$200	6
\$201-\$500	4
\$501-\$1,000	18
\$1,001-\$5,000	12
over \$5,000	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>

None of the expenses set out above, which fall under the Former Governors General Administrative Support Program, were incurred by or for the Rideau Hall Foundation.

Additional activity highlights:

- Three books featured prominently: *Ingenious* and *Innovation Nation* (both aimed at reinforcing the culture of innovation in the country), as well as *Trust – Twenty Ways to Build a Better Country*. I am particularly grateful for the help received to adapt these books to a classroom setting. Currently working on a book on empathy/giving.
- In keeping with the vice-regal mandate of Commander in Chief, work with veterans and military families has focused in particular on mental health. Sharon has played a lead role and is an Honorary Captain (Navy) for Military Personnel Command. I serve as Colonel of the Royal Canadian Regiment. I attend and speak at a number of military related gatherings.
- As a patron and advisor to over 150 organizations while Governor General, I continue to be involved with more than a dozen, without remuneration, including the Trans-Canada Trail, Royal Canadian Geographical Society, Indspire, Highway of Heroes, and Historica.
- Work on scholarship programs, in addition to the Rideau Hall Foundation, focused on international student mobility and the Horatio Alger Association of Canada.
- More than four dozen speeches delivered; recurring themes included the culture of innovation, diversity and inclusion, the future of learning and giving.

It is a privilege to provide continued support to initiatives and activities that flow from my mandate as Canada's 28<sup>th</sup> Governor General. I have been grateful for the administrative assistance provided through the Former Governors General Administrative Support Program and pledge to be careful in its use and meticulous in its public accounting.

Accountability and transparency in the expenditure of public funds are important elements in our public institutions and I will follow the practice of filing this report annually and answer any questions that are raised as completely as I can.

David Johnston  
July 11, 2019