

Additional Information for Written Question 32-20(1) Medical Travel Costs, Budget Pressures and Travel Volumes

Figure 1. Summary of the major Medical Travel program expense categories from 2021-22 to 2025-26 (000s).

Expense type	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (Projected)
Scheduled Air	\$ 11,130	\$ 18,174	\$ 26,711	\$ 36,220	\$ 42,299
Air Ambulance	\$ 21,334	\$ 23,976	\$ 23,650	\$ 23,372	\$ 42,207
Boarding Home	\$ 4,857	\$ 6,338	\$ 8,468	\$ 11,310	\$ 12,112
Ground (interfacility ambulance)	\$ 3,206	\$ 3,205	\$ 2,419	\$ 3,519	\$ 4,016
Intercommunity Taxi	\$ 1,169	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,907	\$ 2,213	\$ 2,603
Air Charter	\$ 642	\$ 717	\$ 1,015	\$ 1,369	\$ 1,381
Accommodation	\$ 1,020	\$ 936	\$ 830	\$ 846	\$ 1,013
Private Vehicle	\$ 494	\$ 493	\$ 460	\$ 648	\$ 594
Meals	\$ 335	\$ 290	\$ 251	\$ 272	\$ 326
Local Transportation	\$ 260	\$ 167	\$ 180	\$ 292	\$ 324
Total	\$ 44,447	\$ 56,126	\$ 65,891	\$ 80,061	\$ 106,875

Please note that travel volume in 2021-22 was still somewhat suppressed by COVID-19.

Figure 2. Summary of Medical Travel and Dental Travel instances per fiscal year.

Year	Medical Travel Cases	Dental Travel Cases	Total
2019-20	15515	569	16084
2020-21	11868	1611	13479
2021-22	13228	1816	15044
2022-23	15600	1936	17536
2023-24	15535	3175	18710
2024-25	17857	5152	23009
2025-26 (projected)	17742	5988	23730

Figure 3. Summary of Air Ambulance Trips expenses per fiscal year.

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Year	Air Ambulance Trips	Avg. Cost Per Trip
2021-22	1776	\$ 12,040
2022-23	1887	\$ 12,483
2023-24	1726	\$ 13,380
2024-25	1665	\$ 13,887
2025-26 (projected)	1855	\$ 22,818

Year	Cases with approved escorts	% of all cases
2021-22	5253	35%
2022-23	5557	32%
2023-24	6275	34%
2024-25	8182	36%
2025-26 (projected)	8623	36%

*Note that data sets are living documents and data may not align exactly with reporting in other documents.