

# Final Report

Honourable Fred Horne, Minister of Health  
Mission to attend the G8 Dementia Summit  
London, United Kingdom - December 9-13, 2013

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## Overview:

Invited by Canada's Health Minister, the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister Horne attended the Group of Eight (G8) Dementia Summit in London, United Kingdom on December 11, 2013. Dementia is a chronic disease that has tremendous human and economic costs internationally and locally. In Alberta, an estimated 40,000 Albertans have dementia and each year about 8,000 are newly diagnosed, placing a significant burden on health care and social service systems.

The Summit brought together G8 Health Ministers, the World Health Organization (WHO), industry leaders and world-leading scientific experts to discuss the growing incidence and prevalence of dementia and potential efforts to shape an effective international response to the disease. The overall focus of the Summit was to coordinate global action on dementia, agree on a new international approach to dementia research, and secure further international collaboration. The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below.

## Mission Objectives:

- Promote a balanced approach to current and future work on dementia, featuring a focus on prevention, treatment and care, and improving quality of life and quality of dying for those affected by dementia (including family and caregivers);
- Collaborate with international partners in leveraging existing knowledge and best practices, to promote prevention and reduce the burden of dementia at all stages of the disease;
- Signal Alberta's commitment to addressing the impacts of dementia on the Canadian/Alberta population and build Alberta's reputation as a responsible Global Citizen;
- Demonstrate the achievements of the provincial and territorial Health Care Innovation Working Group that Alberta co-chairs with Ontario and Yukon. This working group focuses on developing innovative approaches to enhance capacity to better meet challenges in the healthcare system. One of the group's current priorities is Seniors' care, including dementia and identifying best practices for early diagnosis; and
- Learn from international experts in dementia care to bring best-practices and new ideas to share within Alberta and with other provinces and territories.

## Results:

Minister Horne attended a dinner hosted by Jeremy Hunt, UK's Secretary of State for Health that included G8 health leaders, Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the Director-General of WHO. During the dinner, Minister Horne participated in a discussion regarding the challenges dementia presents to the international community and individual jurisdictions.

Minister Horne attended the G8 Dementia Summit. Through a number of plenary sessions and panel discussions, Minister Horne learned about recent experiences of other G8 countries and latest advancements in the health research, biopharma and technology sectors that may become breakthroughs in preventing and treating dementia. The Alberta perspective that Minister Horne contributed to the discussions was valuable and the experiences that other delegates shared were a great source of information as Alberta continues to foster one of the best public health care systems in the world.

Throughout the day, Minister Horne participated in bilateral meetings and continued dialogues with Summit host Jeremy Hunt, UK Secretary of State for Health; Marisol Touraine, France Minister of Social Affairs and Health; Geneviève Fioraso, France Minister of Higher Education and Research; and Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO. During these bilateral meetings, Minister Horne discussed global and local efforts in the development of the breakthroughs to prevent, delay, treat and stop dementia, and exchanged ideas on best practices in managing health services in general.

Minister Horne also met with Mimi Lowi-Young, Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer Society of Canada to discuss the challenges Alzheimer's disease and dementia pose to Canada and potential comprehensive strategies to address them.

At the conclusion of the summit, the UK announced the appointment of a global Dementia Innovation Envoy to draw together international expertise to stimulate innovation and to coordinate international efforts to attract new sources of financing. Canada and France have also committed to co-lead a high-level forum in 2014 on an academia-industry partnership to support cross-sector partnerships and innovation. In addition, all G8 countries agreed to:

- Set an ambition to identify a cure, or a disease-modifying therapy, for dementia by 2025;
- Significantly increase the amount spent on dementia research;
- Increase the number of people involved in clinical trials and studies on dementia;
- Develop an international action plan for research;
- Share information and data from dementia research studies across the G8 countries to work together and get the best return on investment in research; and
- Encourage open access to all publicly-funded dementia research to make data and results available for further research as quickly as possible.

Minister Horne had additional meetings including:

- Dr. Alain Beaudet, President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research.
- Dr. Chris Henshall, Chair of the Health Technology Assessment International Policy Forum.
- At the G8 Dementia Summit, also meetings with senior executives of the World Health Organization, Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development, World Economic Forum, Japan Council of Science and Technology, and ParentsLikeMe.
- Post-summit: meetings with Dr. Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary of the U.K. Department of Health; Alan Nobbs, Senior Programme Lead: Programme Delivery & Frameworks NHS Leadership Academy.

**Delegation:**

1. Fred Home, Minister of Health, Government of Alberta
2. Ashley Croden, Director of Operations, Office of the Minister of Health, Government of Alberta

## International Travel Final Expenses

Expenditures by Participants	Amount
<b>Travel</b> (includes airfare, airport service fees, ground transportation costs, including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, buses as well as mileage to/from airport or taxis to/from airport in Alberta, including any cancellation fees)	\$ 15,386.56
<b>Accommodation</b> (room charges and related taxes, including any cancellation fees)	\$ 2,653.20
<b>Meals</b> (includes restaurant bills and tips, meals on hotel bills, per diem meal claims, share of group meals or working sessions)	\$ 257.25
<b>Incidental and Miscellaneous</b> (includes cell phone rental charges, incremental costs for all electronic devices such as roaming charges for cell phones, iPads and costs associated with communications such as the costs incurred for media call-backs, conference/registration fees, including cancellation fees, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, baggage handling, out-of-country per diems, and other sundry expenditures)	\$ 113.88
<b>Sub-Total</b>	\$ 18,410.89
General Mission Expenditures	Amount
<b>Receptions and Hosting</b> (receptions, luncheons, dinners, and events that are hosted by the GoA that are specific to the mission and include meeting related costs for room rental, room rental for hosted events, food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, entertainment, flowers)	\$ 67.06
<b>Incidental and Miscellaneous</b> (includes translation of documents fees, publications, shipping charges, gifts purchased specifically for mission, Canadian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate charges for services provided to the GoA)	\$ 0.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	\$ 67.06
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$ 18,477.95</b>

**News release :**

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