

MP faces ethics investigation over travel

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who canvassed for Philpott in the 2014 federal election.

But the office has announced that Philpott will reimburse taxpayers a total of \$3,703.57 from her March and July travel.

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"I would like to apologize for the excessive costs related to travel for my work responsibilities," Philpott said in a statement. "This does not live up to the standard that Canadians expect and I have taken steps to ensure this does not occur again. I will personally reimburse in full the expenses incurred on March 31 and July 12 for travel to meetings that took place in the Greater Toronto

and Hamilton Area, and in Niagara Falls."

"I have also asked my department to review travel booked to and from the airport with this service to ensure that taxpayers are charged for only fair-market value, and I will reimburse any excessive expenses based on departmental advice," she added.

Last week, after Conservative health critic Colin Carrie wrote to Ethics Commissioner Mary Dawson regarding Philpott's expenses, the minister will be examined to determine whether or not she violated the Conflict of Interest Act in her use of the car service, as the service is owned by a Liberal supporter.

Philpott's office confirmed and agreed to the investigation.

"I can confirm the letter was received," said MacKendrick. "Our office and the Minister will work in full co-operation with Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner."



MP JANE PHILPOTT

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