

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Diner's Club Cards

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig Joe

Question:

1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?
2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?
3. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses?
4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;
5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?

Answer:

1. Under the Whole of Australian Government Phase Two arrangements the Department of Health opted for a virtual card. This card sits in the background of the travel system and is automatically applied to bookings made either through our booking tool or via our travel management company.
2. Under the Whole of Australian Government arrangement there are no annual membership fees, reporting fees or card administration fees.
3. The Department uses a virtual card and as such no physical diners club cards are issued. Travellers are not provided with the card number.
4. Not applicable due to the use of one virtual card
5. No diners club cards have been issued to the Ministers or their staff.