

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 1

General

Question No. 22

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2012:

Senator HUMPHRIES: ... Departmental fraud and credit card abuse: how many instances of fraud and misuse of credit cards and/or purchasing facilities have there been in this department or this portfolio in the last 12 months?

Mr Wilkins: That is group 1, actually. We can take that on notice.

Senator HUMPHRIES: In that case, I will put that on notice. Can I also ask you to take on notice what the particulars of each fraud or misuse have been; what disciplinary action has been taken in respect of each instance; and what compensation has been paid by officials who have been in breach of their obligations to act honestly in using credit card and purchasing facilities, please.

Mr Wilkins: Yes.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012 there were no identified instances of fraud or misuse of credit cards and purchasing facilities within the Department.