

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 261

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Diner's Club Cards

Senator Ludwig asked:

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?

Answer:

1. The ABC is not part of the Whole of Government Travel Arrangements.
2. Provided the ABC pays Diners Club on time, there is no cost to the ABC of using Diners Club.
3. The ABC uses a Diners CTS ("ghost card") account. Individual cards are not issued to ABC staff.
4. Not applicable.