

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes Question No: SQ16-000026

Topic: Credit Cards

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Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.
2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?
3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?
4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:
5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?
7. Are there any credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Has there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.

Answer:

1. Not applicable.
2. No.
3. No.
4. Yes.
5. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015, there have been two instances of inadvertent personal usage involving two APS level staff. There were no cases of deliberate misuse and in both cases debt recovery procedures were initiated.
6. No.
7. Information relating to any credit cards issued directly to Ministers or their offices would need to be sought from the Department of Finance.