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Topic: Credit Cards

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.
2. Please update details of the following?
 - a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?
 - b. How is corporate credit card use monitored?
 - c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?
 - d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since 25 February 2014? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
 - e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?

Answer:

1. 2,655 – Managers (1,119) and Staff (1,536) as at 31 May 2014.
- 2a,c&e. Australia Post's well publicised "Our Ethics" policy details the standards of behaviour expected of everyone who works for or represents the corporation and the disciplinary measures that will be taken in the event of a breach of the standards. This includes referral of suspected or alleged criminal behaviour to its Security Group. Where evidence supports the allegation, the matter will be referred to the appropriate authorities or the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.
- 2b. Use is monitored through authorisation statements, monthly reporting and periodic audits.
- 2d. No cases of alleged or proven criminal behaviour involving corporate credit cards have been reported to Australia Post's Security Group since 1 February 2014.