

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

**Question No:** 26  
**Hearing:** Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Program:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** Credit cards  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Bilyk asked:**

1. How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2016 and what was it for?
2. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016? How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?
3. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?
4. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement?
5. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in calendar year 2016? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2016 and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
6. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in calendar year 2016, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?
7. Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Department or agencies within the portfolio connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?

**Answer:**

See below.

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1.

Agency	Number of credit cards on issue	Issued to an SES Officer	Issued to an APS Officer (APS 3 – EL2)
Department	663	73	590
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	14	5	9
Great Barrier Marine Park Authority	88	4	84
Clean Energy Regulator	70	9	61
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	6	1	5
Climate Change Authority	2	1	1
Parks Australia	98	4	94
Bureau of Meteorology	278	15	263
Clean Energy Finance Corporation <small>The CEFC is not an agency under the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i>, has no APS officers, and does not use APS classifications.</small>	3	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1107</b>

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	<b>What was the value of largest reported purchase?</b>	<b>Purchase?</b>
<b>Department</b>	\$9,866.60	Accommodation – International Travel
<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>	\$9,647.00	IT equipment.
<b>Sydney Harbour Federation Trust</b>	\$4,950.00	Purchase of camping mattresses for Cockatoo Island campground.
<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>	\$4,848.98	Furniture/Homewares.
<b>Climate Change Authority</b>	\$1,725	Hays Temporary Recruitment Timesheet.
<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>	\$2,858.90	Conference Registration – IQPC Australia.
<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>	\$7,659.08	Monitors.
<b>Parks Australia</b>	\$5,000	Accommodation for 35 people for a Bush Blitz expedition.
<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>	\$21,255.00	Registration fees for Bureau of Meteorology staff to attend the Melbourne CPA Australia - Congress 2016.

2.

	<b>How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards?</b>	<b>How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards?</b>
<b>Department</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Sydney Harbour Federation Trust</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Climate Change Authority</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Parks Australia</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>	Nil	Nil

3.

	What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period?	APS/SES level?
<b>Department</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Sydney Harbour Federation</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Climate Change Authority</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>	\$8,792.31	N/A  The CEFC is not an agency under the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> , has no APS officers, and does not use APS classifications.
<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>	\$8,844.62	APS 5
<b>Parks Australia</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>	\$29,855.88	EL1

4.

	How many credit cards were reported lost or stolen?	Cost of replacement?
<b>Department</b>	13	\$0
<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>	8	\$0
<b>Sydney Harbour Federation</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>	1	\$0
<b>Climate Change Authority</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>	Nil	N/A
<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>	1	\$0
<b>Parks Australia</b>	7	\$0
<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>	1	\$0

5.

	How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?	Total value of those purchases?	How many purchases were asked to be repaid?	Total value thereof?	Were all those amounts repaid?	If no, how many were not repaid and what was the total value?
<b>Department</b>	14	\$554.02	14	\$554.02	Yes	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>	8	\$353.99 inclusive of GST	8	\$353.99	Yes	N/A
<b>Sydney Harbour Federation</b>	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Australian Renewable Agency</b>	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Climate Change Authority</b>	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>	6	\$540.54	6	\$540.54	No	One outstanding purchase of \$45.68.
<b>Parks Australia</b>	3	\$56.83	3	\$56.83	Yes	\$56.83
<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>	18	\$5,688.08	18	\$5,688.08	Yes	N/A

6.

	<b>What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and was asked to be repaid?</b>	<b>What was the cardholder's APS/SES level?</b>	<b>Was that amount repaid in full?</b>	<b>If no, what amount was left unpaid?</b>
<b>Department</b>	\$137.50	EL2	Yes	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>	\$91.28	EL2	Yes	N/A
<b>Sydney Harbour Federation</b>	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Australian Renewable Agency</b>	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Climate Change Authority</b>	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>	\$436.27	EL1	Yes	N/A
<b>Parks Australia</b>	\$44.68	EL1	Yes	N/A
<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>	\$1,297.01	TO3 (equivalent APS level 5)	Yes	N/A

7.



	<b>Are there any credit cards on issue connected to a rewards scheme?</b>	<b>Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of the scheme?</b>
<b>Department</b>	No	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>	No	N/A
<b>Sydney Harbour Federation</b>	No	N/A
<b>Australian Renewable Agency</b>	No	N/A
<b>Climate Change Authority</b>	No	N/A
<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>	No	N/A
<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>	No	N/A
<b>Parks Australia</b>	No	N/A
<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>	No	N/A