

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 617

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Credit Cards

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have 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. There are 634 staff that have an ABC procurement card. The classifications of staff who have a procurement card are as follows:

Description	Number
Staff Band 2	0
Staff Band 3	9
Staff Band 4	55
Staff Band 5	75
Staff Band 6	104
Staff Band 7	151
Staff Band 8	69
Staff Band 9	34
Total Staff	497
SE Band 1	31
SE Band 2	55
SE Band 3	35
SE Band 4	5

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AWAs	11
Total Exec	137
Total	634

Eligibility for corporate procurement cards is not based on employee classification; rather it is determined based on business needs.

2. There have been no changes to the ABC Credit and Charge Card Policy since June 2014.
3. There have been no changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored since June 2014.
4. & 5.
Inadvertent/minor improper use is not recorded, and there have been no such cases where the ABC has not been reimbursed for minor/inadvertent use. There have been no cases of credit card misuse investigated by Internal Audit since June 2014.
6. There have been no changes to the ABC Credit and Charge Card Policy since June 2014.
7. Not applicable.