

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Program: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: Credit and Transaction Cards - Total Expenditure
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Question Type: Written

Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:

1. What was the total expenditure for each type of card over the last 3 financial years?
2. Can you break down the expenditure into categories?

Answer:

Department of the Environment and Energy

1. The total expenditure (GST inclusive) for each card type over the last 3 financial years is detailed in the table below.

Card Type	Financial Year 2014-15	Financial Year 2015-16	Financial Year 2016-17 (up to 24 October 2016)
MasterCard	\$1,871,682	\$1,731,342	\$720,820
Visa Card	\$1,818,003	\$1,734,886	\$626,029
Cabcharge Fast Card	\$0	\$81	\$12
Cabcharge eTickets	\$241,845	\$284,706	\$86,671

2. For operational efficiency, credit cards are used to purchase low value goods and service items. As such the department does not record expenditure data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.