

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry Portfolio  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-15  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Credit cards

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** SI-171

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:
  - a) Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
  - b) Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?
5. Are 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. The Department had 2,174 corporate credit cards on issue as at 31 October 2014. The breakdown of staff with credit cards by classification is as follows:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of credit cards</b>
Senior Executive Service	88
Executive Level	1,096
Australian Public Service Officers	990
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,174</b>

2. No.
3. No.
4.
  - a) Instances of credit card misuse for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 will not be available until the data is collected as part of the Certificate of Compliance for the period ending 30 June 2015.
  - b) No.
5. No departmental credit cards have been issued to the Minister or the Minister's staff.