

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: TEQSA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000466

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

TEQSA: Credit cards

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response:

- 1) No change
- 2) No change
- 3) No change
- 4) Yes – one instance
- 5) An EL2 staff accidentally used his corporate card to pay for hotel accommodation in Darwin for a work assignment that is not related to TEQSA. The person concerned has reimbursed the amount to TEQSA and was reminded to exercise more care in using the corporate card.
- 6) No change
- 7) Nil