

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004252

Senator Bilyk provided in writing

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ17-004329

Question

ABCC - Credit cards

- How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the ABCC?
- What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card since the re-establishment of the ABCC and what was it for?
- How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards since the re-establishment of the ABCC?
- How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards since the re-establishment of the ABCC?
- What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period since the re-establishment of the ABCC?
 - How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen since the re-establishment of the ABCC and what was the cost of their replacement?
- How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy since the re-establishment of the ABCC? 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?
- What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid since the re-establishment of the ABCC? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?
- Are any credit cards currently on issue within the ABCC connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?
- Can a copy of the ABCC's staff credit card policy please be provided?

Answer

Question	Answer
How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the ABCC?	141
What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card since the re-establishment of the ABCC and what was it for?	\$17,036.25 for Legal Services.
How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards since the re-establishment of the ABCC?	Nil.
How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards since the re-establishment of the ABCC?	Nil.
What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period since the re-establishment of the ABCC?	Nil.
How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen since the re-establishment of the ABCC and what was the cost of their replacement?	One. There was no cost to the agency for replacement of the card.
How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy since the re-establishment of the ABCC?	Five.
What was the total value of those purchases?	\$205.32
How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2016 and what was the total value thereof?	In the calendar year 2016 repayment was sought for one purchase for \$24.31. All other repayments were made in the 2017 calendar year.
Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?	The full amount of \$24.31 was repaid in the calendar year 2016. The full amount of the remaining balances was repaid in the 2017 calendar year.
What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid since the re-establishment of the ABCC?	\$85.91
What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?	The amount was repaid in full.
Are any credit cards currently on issue within the ABCC connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?	No cards are connected to rewards schemes.
Can a copy of the ABCC's staff credit card policy please be provided?	Please see Attachment A: ABCC Finance Direction 16 Travel and Credit Card.

