

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000842

Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 20 October 2016, Proof Hansard page 17

Credit card use expenses

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you break that down into what proportion of that relates to travel-related expenses?

Dr Bruniges: I probably could. That would include transactions for payments within domestic air travel fares, because that is the best way to acquit that so we get a clear statement of the domestic travel. We can try and take that on notice and get back to you.

Mr Ford: I would like to do that because, while we have data on our domestic travel and our international travel, the interactions with the credit card acquittals are slightly more complicated. So we will take that on notice.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Perhaps you could give me a breakdown under categories of different types of usage. I presume that some would be accommodation, some would be domestic travel, some would be overseas travel, some would be other expenses. Can you give a sense of that breakdown?

Dr Bruniges: Some could be taxis instead of Cabcharge. We will look at categories and give you a breakdown of that.

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Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can I be clear? With regard to the information that I was asking for earlier about the use of credit cards, I would like that breakdown to the hospitality-specific element of the credit cards, please.

Dr Bruniges: We will take that on notice and see what we can do.

Answer

For the 2015–16 financial year expenses for travel related credit card transactions were:

Domestic Travel	\$2,996,722.71
International Travel	\$622,773.97
Accommodation	
Domestic Accommodation	\$919,549.00
Travel - Overseas Accommodation	\$71,236.03
Taxi	\$5,041.75

To break down credit card usage under further categories would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.