

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Estimates - November 2013
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Credit cards

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of Question: Written

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1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.
2. Please update details of the following?
 - a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?
 - b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?
 - c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?
 - d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
 - e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?

Answer:

1. 21 staff hold Office credit cards as per the table below.
2. The use of credit cards is governed as per the Chief Executive Instructions and Financial Management Rules of the Office. Monthly credit card statements are reviewed and approved by the relevant delegate and through the Certificate of Compliance review process. Periodic training is undertaken as part of compliance with the Commonwealth Procurement rules. There have been no instances of corporate credit card misuse in the recent past.

| Commonwealth Officer Classification | Number of Credit Cards Held |
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| GH01 | 1 |
| GH02 | 3 |
| GH03 | 0 |
| GH04 | 2 |
| GH05 | 1 |
| GH06 | 5 |
| GH07 | 4 |
| GH08 | 3 |
| SES 1 | 1 |
| Official Secretary | 1 |
| Total | 21 |