

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/005) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (L&CA page 53) asked:

Senator LUDWIG: Could you then tell me—and you can take this on notice just for the shortness of time that is available—any limit that is applicable to it and the procedures, policies or protocols that are required?

Mr Bowles: We generally have limits, but I will take that on notice.

Senator LUDWIG: As well as any policy that has been provided to the minister for its use, how you reconcile it between the ministers use and the department to ensure that it is being only used for official purposes, whether or not there is any preapproval or other process involved, the date of issue of the card and the reports of the expenditure on the card since it has been issued and whether any interest accrues to the corporate travel card. I think that is about all of it.

Answer:

The Minister has been provided with a Department of Immigration and Border Protection travel card for his use. The card has a \$50,000.00 limit and its use is subject to the same policies and procedures as for all departmental cards.

The use of the card, and any related purchases, is reviewed and authorised by the appropriate departmental officer. Since issued, there have been no transactions on the Minister's travel card.