QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0041) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash (L&CA 18) asked:

Provide a summary of expenditure items on departmental credit cards for the 2009-10 financial year and the 2010-11 year to date, and what is estimated by way of departmental credit card expenditure for 2011-12?

Answer:

1. In the 2009-10 financial year the Department's expenditure on credit cards was \$36 751 235 and the total expenditure for the 2010-11 financial year was \$48 301 929 as itemised in the table below:

Description of expenditure	2009-10 \$	2010-11 \$
Travel	30,787,879	40,168,648
Consumables (includes office expenses, stores, stationery and hire of equipment)	4,218,861	5,729,937
Information Technology & Communication	381,396	624,735
Property	474,492	502,014
Other	888,607	1,276,595
Total credit card expenditure	36,751,235	48,301,929

2. The estimated departmental credit card expenditure for 2011-12 will be similar to the expenditure for 2010-11 at approximately \$50 million.