

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0138) Program : Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?

Answer:

In cases where there is alleged misuse of a corporate credit card, the matter is referred to the department's Values and Conduct area for investigation of whether or not a breach of the APS Code of Conduct has occurred. Where a person is found to have breached the APS Code of Conduct, a sanction may be imposed in accordance with Section 15 of the *Public Service Act 1999*. For example, a person's employment may be terminated.

Any allegation of corporate credit card misuse involving serious or complex fraud would, in accordance with the 'Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines – 2011', be referred to the Australian Federal Police to investigate.