

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Credit Cards

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.
2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?
3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?
4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:
 - a) Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
5. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?
6. How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so,
 - a) Please list by classification.
 - b) Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office?
 - c) Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.

Answer:

1. No changes.
2. No.
3. No.
4. None.
 - a) Not applicable.
5. No.
6. The Department of Health has one credit card available for use by Ministers' offices.
 - a) The credit card is held in the Department of Health by a Departmental Officer (APS 6).
 - b) There has been no misuse of the credit card.
 - c) Not applicable.