

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 424

Program No. ACMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Credit cards

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. 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 been discovered during the specified period? If so:
5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?
7. How many credit cards are available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? 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. There has been one change since June 2014:

| APS Classification | No. of previous card holders | Current number of card holders |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Executive Level 2 | 15 | 16 |

2. No change.
3. No change.
4. There has been one instance of misuse.
5. The staff member is an APS4 and accidentally used the AGCC for private purposes. The card has been cancelled. The amount was repaid.
6. No change.
7. Nil.