

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 766-770

Topic: Diners Club Cards

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

- 766. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?
- 767. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?
- 768. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre approval for certain classes of expenses?
- 769. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;
- 770. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?

Answer:

- 766. Under the Whole-of-Australian-Government travel arrangements, a Card Transaction Service (virtual account) is provided for the payment of flights, domestic accommodation and car rental through Diners Club.
- 767. The Productivity Commission does not separately record in its financial management system the cost of the charges for the use of credit cards (which vary by supplier).
- 768-769. ANZ 'in hand' credit cards are issued to staff who are required to purchase goods and services for the Productivity Commission, and to staff required to travel overseas on official business to meet accommodation, meals and incidental costs. Credit card holders have a financial delegation limit (generally \$5,000), but not by class of expenditure. The payment of flights, domestic accommodation and car rental is through a Diners Club account with the Commission (virtual cards). No Diners Club 'in hand' credit cards are on issue to staff.
- 770. No.