

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Additional Estimates
2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ABS
Question: AET 870-876
Topic: Credit Cards
Reference: written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

870. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.
871. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?
872. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?
873. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:
874. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
875. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?
876. How many credit cards 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:

870. Nil
871. Nil
872. Yes, In addition to monitoring arrangements already in place, ABS is also receiving additional exception reports from Diners Club Australia.
873. Yes
874. 2016 Census Field staff officer did not follow travel procedures with travel booked and undertaken without prior approval of a delegate. Credit card was removed from the officer and the account closed with immediate repayment occurring. Staff member was given formal counselling.
875. Yes, Accountable Authority Instructions strengthened with the inclusion of possible sanctions

876. Nil