

Question: 21

Topic: Credit cards

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

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

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 have 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 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:

Since 14 September 2015:

1. There have been no changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.
2. There have been no changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused.
3. There have been no changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored.
4. – 5. There have been two instances of misuse. Two cardholders (1 x SES Band 1, 1 x PEL 2 equivalent) mistakenly used their corporate card to purchase personal items (\$51 and \$368, respectively). The amounts were promptly self-identified and were rectified. No further action was taken.
6. There have been no changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse.
7. Not applicable.