

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Program: General**

**Question No. AE16/090**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:**

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.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested from the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2. No

3. No

4-5. The portfolio has not had any instances of corporate credit card misuse since 14 September 2015. In responding to this question the department considers the term misuse is limited to obtaining financial gain by deception.

6. The Attorney-General's Department has increased testing of credit card transactions.

7. The department does not provide credit cards to Ministers or their staff.