

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/165) - Credit card purchases - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA) written:

How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level.

What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2016 and what was it for?

How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?

How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?

What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?

How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement?

Answer:

- 1. How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level.*

A total of 7,097 credit cards were on issue for staff in the Department as at 9 June 2017. The number of cards issued to APS/EL level staff was 6,925 and 172 cards were issued to SES level staff.

- 2. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2016 and what was it for?*

The largest purchase on a credit card in 2016 was for the amount of \$244,125. The payment was for accommodation made in accordance with a contract the Department had with a hotel in Darwin for the provision of a number of hotel rooms for interpreters and Departmental staff working at the Wickham Point Detention Centre.

- 3. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?*

Nil.

4. *How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?*

Nil.

5. *What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?*

Nil. The Department's credit card provider is Diners Club. The Department receives monthly credit card statements on the 28th of each month and Diners Club direct debits the Department's bank account for the total statement amount on the 4th of the following month.

6. *How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement?*

The number of credit cards reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 was 265.

The replacement cost was nil.