

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 1048-1052

Topic: Diner's Club Cards (ATO)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1048) What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?

1049) What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?

1050) 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?

1051) Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;

1052) Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?

Answer:

1048) The ATO, under the Whole of Australian Government Travel Arrangements, uses a single virtual (CTS / Ghost) card for all transactions that are travel related. The arrangement is specified by a Deed that is managed by the Department of Finance. ATO staff do not receive Diners Club cards-in-hand.

1049) These arrangements are administered by the Department of Finance.

1050) Refer to 1048.

1051) Not applicable.

1052) No.