

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Agency - Fair Work Commission

Department of Employment Question No. EM0378_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWC - Diner's Club Cards

1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements?
2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges?
3. 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?
4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers;
5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or ministers staff?

Answer

1. Fair Work Commission has one Diners Club card to facilitate the payment of all travel arrangements via agency travel provider Carson Wagonlit Travel.

2. Diners Club

- No transaction fees for travel use (e.g. car hire/hotel/air);
- No fees for issuing a card;
- No fees for cancelling a card;
- No admin fees;
- No annual fee;
- No fees for reports;
- Cash withdrawal fees ATMs in Australia is 1.75%;
- 0% foreign currency conversion fee outside of Australia**;

Diners MasterCard

- 1% foreign currency conversion fee on outside of Australia**;

*** If you go through customs, for example at Sydney airport, any withdrawals there are "international"*

3. The Fair Work Commission does not issue Diners Club credit cards to members or staff for travel.

4. The Fair Work Commission does not issue Diners Club credit cards to members or staff for travel.

5. No.