EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Outcome: All Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E409_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

How many staff have corporate credit cards in their name? Please detail their position and duties and provide full details of their credit card expenditure for financial years 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04 and for this financial year so far.

Answer:

Corporate credit cards

As indicated by our records detailed below are the number of DEST Staff who had corporate cards in their name from 1 July 2001 to 30 November 2004. The DEST Certified Agreement 2002-2005 requires all employees to use the Departmental Travel Card (Diners Club) for official travel purposes and legitimate business expenses. Around 80% of staff have a corporate credit card.

Period	Diners Club (1)	Number of cards	ANZ Visa (2)	Number of cards	AMEX (3)	Number of cards	Total \$	Total Number of cards
2001-2002	\$4,452,759	1,138	\$46,611	25	\$7,613	35	\$4,506,983	1,198
2002-2003	\$4,858,955	1,261	\$51,884	34	\$3,866	36	\$4,914,705	1,331
2003-2004	\$6,014,386	1,411	\$17,646	40	\$4,669	31	\$6,036,701	1,482
2004-2005 (to 30 Nov)	\$3,446,266	1,419	\$6,438	39	\$462	26	\$3,453,166	1,484

Notes

- (1) These figures include: accommodation, some meals, fares, taxis, short term hire and some conferences courses related to the travel.
- (2) These figures include: purchasing supplies or settling accounts by telephone or mail and by point-of-sale transaction. It may also include some official travel services where it has been issued for that purpose under the terms of the Department's Certified Agreement or an Australian Workplace Agreement.
- (3) As for (2)