

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: I will start with a couple of small issues. In response provided to a question on notice following budget estimates last October, the ANAO reported 30 travel or purchasing cards were provided to APS3 staff, but according to your annual report there are only 17 staff at APS3 level. Do staff have more than one card? Or was it just a typo?

Mr McPhee: We would need to check that out. Mr Chapman has just reminded me that it could have been our graduates and there could be a timing issue in terms of numbers. I will take that on notice and provide the committee with advice on that.

Answer:

The ANAO response to Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13 noted that 30 APS 3 level staff had been issued a travel and/or purchasing card. This total included graduate recruits classified at the APS 3 level.

Page 134 of the ANAO annual report 2011-12 separately discloses APS 3 (17 staff) and graduate recruits (22 staff). The combined total is 39 and should be used for comparison against the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13 response.

The ANAO undertook a review of credit card holders in December 2012 to reduce the volume of card holders where practicable. As at January 2013 three APS 3 level staff have been issued with a physical travel and/or purchasing card.