

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 128

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

- a) Within the reporting period, has the Court conducted any audits investigations over the misuse of employee entitlements, such as Cabcharge cards, other issued Court-issued credit cards during the reporting period?
 - i. If so, could you give details including:
 - (1) What was the nature of the investigation?
 - (2) Was any money repaid as a result of the investigation? If so, how much?
 - ii. If not, regardless of whether on not an investigation was launched, has the Court become aware of any misuse of entitlements in the reporting period?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) During the reporting period, the Court was involved in conducting one investigation into an alleged case of misuse of a travel card by an employee.
 - (1) The amount involved was \$2,763.98. The matter was referred to the AFP.
 - (2) The money was not repaid. The employee was terminated after the Court was satisfied that breaches of the APS Code of Conduct had occurred.