

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

Question No. 137

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:
 - 1) Regardless of whether or 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:

There was a general review of Cabcharge use in the Court undertaken by the Chief Finance Officer during the reporting period. Out of this review there have been no established instances of the misuse of Cabcharge cards within the Court. No investigation or review has been undertaken during the reporting period in regards to the misuse of Court issued credit cards.