

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT

Question No. 159

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:

No audit investigations over misuse of employee entitlements were carried out during the reporting period. Regular annual internal audits have been carried out on employee entitlements and supplier expenses including Court issued credit cards and Cabcharge cards. The most recent audit occurred during last April / May 2007. The results of this audit did not identify any misuse of these employee entitlements or any other employee entitlements.

The Court has not become aware of any misuse of entitlements in the reporting period.