

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 112

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

- a) How many Departmental Credit Cards are currently on issue?
- b) At what level is each of the holders of these cards employed?
- c) What is the hospitality spend for the last financial year?
- d) What is the hospitality spend for the financial year to date?
- e) Has the AFP made any investigation into possible Fringe Benefits Tax liabilities arising out of the paid parking lot in Kingston?
- f) If so, what is the nature of the advice that has been received?
- g) What is the liability?
- h) Will costs be passed on to employees?
- i) Will any staff still be able to access free parking? If so, who?

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

- a) The Australian Federal Police (AFP) currently has 5,971 credit cards on issue.

AFP cards can be activated as a Travel Card (for expenditure related to travel only) or as a combined Travel and Purchasing Credit Card. If activated as a Travel Card, the holder of the card is restricted to using the card for payments for travel related expenses only, which includes airlines, accommodation and taxis. There are 2,943 cards issued that have both travel and credit card access.

- b) The cardholders are employed at the following levels:

Band Level	Number of cards issued
2	456
3	1,113
4	1,520
5	971
6	532
7	741
8	247
9	313
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- c) The hospitality spend for the last financial year was \$499,803.

- d) The hospitality spend for the current financial year to 31 October 2010 was \$173,210.
- e) The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is not currently affected by any commercial car parking station in Kingston from a Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) perspective.
- f) N/A
- g) N/A
- h) N/A
- i) Free public parking in the Parliamentary Triangle is currently accessible by all members of staff, depending on availability.