

WESTERN POWER, CHAIRPERSON, CREDIT CARD

1898. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Deputy Premier

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 785 of 25 February 2003 and ask -

- (a) what is the reason for the Chairperson of the Western Power Board having a Government supplied credit card;
- (b) under what rules and conditions was this credit card issued; and
- (c) when was the last time this card was audited to ensure compliance with the rules and conditions of use?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

- (a) Consistent with practice under the previous Government the Chairman of Western Power incurs expenditure in the performance of his duties, for example when travelling on Western Power business;
- (b) Western Power has Guidelines for the Use Corporate Credit Cards; and
- (c) As part of Western Power's normal governance processes a whole of company independent internal audit review was undertaken in May/June 2003 on the use of corporate credit cards. Expenses of the Chairman were specifically audited and found to be in order and consistent with the guidelines. This internal audit was subsequently examined by officers from the Office of the Auditor General.