

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION, BOARD MEMBERS, CREDIT CARDS

1901. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 795 of February 2003 and ask:

- (a) what is the reason for the Board of the Forest Products Commission having Government supplied credit cards;
- (b) under what rules and conditions were these credit cards issued; and
- (c) when was the last time these credit cards were audited to ensure compliance with the rules and conditions of use?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

- (a) Credit cards are used to meet accommodation and meal expenses while on official Commission business.
- (b) All recipients of credit cards (Amex/Visa) operate under the Commission's Policy on "Corporate Card – General Instruction and Conditions".
- (c) The Department of Conservation and Land Management (DCLM) undertake the internal audit function for the Forest Products Commission. The audit of Corporate Credit Cards is undertaken as part of the 2003-2004 Accounts Payable and Procurement Audit.