

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS, CHECKING

2117. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

For each Department and Agency within the Deputy Premier's portfolio, including the Ministerial Office -

- (a) are the statements from credit card companies checked against invoices, before being passed on for payment; and
- (b) if not, why not?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Office of the Deputy Premier

- (a)-(b) Credit card statements are paid in full on receipt of the statement without reference to invoices. This practice avoids interest rate penalties.

Cardholders subsequently provide supporting information when acquitting individual cardholder statements.

This practice meets with Office of the Auditor General approval.

Department of Treasury and Finance

- (a) Yes
- (b) Not applicable

Office of Gas Access Regulation

- (a) Yes
- (b) Not applicable

Office of Native Title

- (a) Statements from Credit Card companies are not checked against invoices, before being passed for payment; and
- (b) Payments to the Credit Card Company are made from a Departmental holding account on receipt of the statements. The statements are then forwarded to the responsible Cost Centres to verify the expenditure and allocate costs to the appropriate accounts. Any discrepancies discovered are then taken up with the Credit Card Company through the Department's Contracts Section.

Office of the Auditor General

- (a) Yes
- (b) Not applicable

Office of Energy

- (a) Yes
- (b) Not applicable

Western Power Corporation

Westpac Banking Corporation issues Western Power's Corporate Visa card and the bank direct debits to Western Power's account on the 24th day of each month or the next working day should that day fall on a weekend or a public holiday. The statements for each card issued then follow the payments.

Due to this agreement with the bank, which is approved by the Board of Western Power, it is only practical to reconcile the statements after payment is made.

WA Treasury Corporation

- (a) Yes
- (b) Not applicable