

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING — PORTFOLIOS — PURCHASING CARDS

115. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Education and Training:

For each department and agency within the Minister's portfolio, could the Minister please provide information for the financial year 2019–2020, concerning the use of purchasing cards (including debit and credit cards) including:

- (a) how many cards were issued to staff;
- (b) what expenditure and transaction limits applied to the use of those cards;
- (c) the total dollar value of transactions made via those cards;
- (d) the total number of transactions made via those cards; and
- (e) a breakdown of the categories of goods and services purchased via those cards?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

Department of Education

- (a) 11,032 cards. This includes schools.
- (b) Each card has an expenditure limit. However, given the number of cards in use, a list of each card's expenditure limit has not been provided. Cards do not have transaction limits in addition to expenditure limits.
- (c) \$115,748,774.36
- (d) 424,799
- (e) This detailed level of information would require considerable time to collate and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this.

Department of Training and Workforce Development

- (a) 129 cards.
- (b)

Expenditure Limits	
\$1	11
\$1,000	1
\$2,000	8
\$5,000	38
\$6,000	1
\$10,000	25
\$15,000	5
\$18,500	1
\$20,000	35
\$35,000	1
\$40,000	1
\$50,000	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>

\* \$1 limits are assigned to cardholders on external secondment or extended leave in accordance with purchasing card policy.

Transaction limits are not applied to Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) cards, however, DTWD has an internal transactions limit of \$5,000. A security pin is also required if the card is used for transactions greater than \$100.

- (c) \$1,505,901.18
- (d) 4,696
- (e) This detailed level of information would require considerable time to collate and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this.

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North Metropolitan TAFE

TAFE colleges report on a calendar year basis. As such, the responses are for 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

(a) 162 cards.

(b)

<b>Expenditure Limits</b>	
\$10,000	5
\$15,000	1
\$20,000	132
\$30,000	15
\$37,000	1
\$40,000	1
\$50,000	6
\$60,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Transaction Limits</b>	
\$5,000	155
\$10,000	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

(c) \$6,203,845.41

(d) 13,759

(e) This detailed information would require considerable time, which would divert staff away from their normal duties and it is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this information.

South Metropolitan TAFE

TAFE colleges report on a calendar year basis. As such, the responses are for 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

(a) 193 cards.

(b)

<b>Expenditure Limits</b>	
\$1,000	27
\$2,000	24
\$2,500	1
\$3,000	19
\$4,000	1
\$5,000	37
\$7,000	6
\$7,500	2
\$8,000	3
\$10,000	29
\$12,000	4
\$13,000	1
\$15,000	15
\$17,500	1

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\$20,000	5
\$21,000	1
\$25,000	8
\$30,000	6
\$40,000	1
\$60,000	1
\$70,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>

<b>Transaction Limits</b>	
\$5,000	192
\$15,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>

- (c) \$7,149,651.63
- (d) 14,290
- (e) This detailed level of information would require considerable time to collate and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this.

North Regional TAFE

TAFE colleges report on a calendar year basis. As such, the responses are for 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

- (a) 81 cards.
- (b)

<b>Expenditure Limits</b>	
\$1	5
\$500	1
\$1,000	7
\$2,000	13
\$2,500	1
\$3,000	3
\$5,000	27
\$8,000	1
\$10,000	10
\$15,000	1
\$20,000	6
\$25,000	3
\$55,000	1
\$70,000	1
\$80,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

\* \$1 limits are assigned to cardholders on external secondment or extended leave in accordance with purchasing card policy.

North Regional TAFE purchasing cards do not have a transaction limit.

- (c) \$2,312,641.72

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- (d) 6,741
- (e) This detailed level of information would require considerable time to collate and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this.

Central Regional TAFE

TAFE colleges report on a calendar year basis. As such, the responses are for 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

- (a) 80 cards.

- (b)

<b>Expenditure Limits</b>	
\$1,000	1
\$2,000	1
\$5,000	16
\$8,000	1
\$9,000	1
\$10,000	33
\$15,000	1
\$18,000	1
\$20,000	17
\$30,000	7
\$40,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

<b>Transaction Limits</b>	
\$300	1
\$500	1
\$1,000	13
\$2,000	1
\$5,000	62
\$10,000	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

- (c) \$2,983,631.35

- (d) 8,146

- (e) This detailed level of information would require considerable time to collate and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this.

South Regional TAFE

TAFE colleges report on a calendar year basis. As such, the responses are for 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020.

- (a) 119 cards.

- (b)

<b>Expenditure Limits</b>	
\$5,000	63
\$20,000	46
\$30,000	6
\$40,000	1
\$50,000	1

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\$100,000	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Transaction Limits</b>	
\$1,000	2
\$5,000	113
\$10,000	2
\$40,000	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>

- (c) \$2,926,976
- (d) 8,789
- (e) This detailed level of information would require considerable time to collate and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this.

Construction Training Fund

- (a) 9 cards.
- (b)

Expenditure Limits	
\$5,000	5
\$10,000	3
\$20,000	1
<b>Transaction Limits</b>	
\$5,000	5
\$10,000	3
\$20,000	1

- (c) \$73,797
- (d) 840 transactions
- (e) This detailed level of information would require considerable time to collate and would divert staff away from their normal duties. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this.