

WA TOURISM COMMISSION, CHAIRPERSON, CREDIT CARD

1896. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Tourism

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 791 of 25 February 2003 and ask -

- (a) what is the reason for the Chairperson of the Western Australian Tourism Commission 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 R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (a) The Chairman of the Western Australian Tourism Commission (WATC) is frequently required to represent the WATC within Australia and at times internationally. It is therefore appropriate that expenditure incurred by the Chairperson on such occasions be met by the WATC. For in excess of the last 10 years it has been the practice of the WATC to issue a Government supplied credit card to the Chairperson for official purposes.
- (b) WATC has an appropriate policy in place on use of corporate credit cards. This policy now includes acceptance of the conditions of use by the card holder and is consistent with the best practice guidelines issued by the former Department of Industry and Technology.
- (c) The expenses incurred by the Chairperson on the corporate credit card are verified by WATC Executive Director of Corporate and Business Services on a monthly basis. WATC is subject to an annual audit by the Auditor General and has an effective Internal Audit function undertaken by accounting firm, Hall Chadwick.