

MINISTER FOR FINANCE — PORTFOLIOS — PURCHASING CARDS

116. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the minister representing the Minister for Finance:

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 Stephen Dawson replied:

The Department of Finance advises:

- (a) 433 cards
- (b) Limits range from \$1 to \$50,000.
- (c) \$2,604,693.52
- (d) 10,255 transactions
- (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. If the member has a more specific query, I will endeavour to provide a reply.