

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COUNCIL, CHAIRPERSON, CREDIT CARD

1900. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 792 of 25 February 2003 and ask -

- (a) what is the reason for the Chairperson of the Aboriginal Education and Training Council 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 A.J. CARPENTER replied:

- (a) The Chairperson's role requires significant and regular travel to consult and liaise with Indigenous parents and children, and education and training providers across the State on education and training issues. The Chairperson also convenes regular meetings of Council members for the same purpose. The card is used primarily to book Council operations related to travel and accommodation. All such bookings are approved in advance by the A/Chief Executive Officer of the Department.
- (b) The use of the card is governed by Treasury policy outlined in the Western Australian Government Corporate Card Guidelines, which are incorporated in the Department of Education Services' Procedures Manual.
- (c) Approval of the issue of the card was provided on 5 April 2002. Payments of charges debited to all credit cards used by the department, including those for the Chairperson, were included in the departmental internal audit processes for the 2002-2003 financial year.