

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS, CHECKING

2124. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

For each Department and Agency within the Minister'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 A.J. CARPENTER replied:

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- (a)-(b) Credit card statements are paid in full by the Department of Finance 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.

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- (a)-(b) All credit card statements are checked against invoices. Depending on contractual arrangements if the credit company requires payment within a prescribed period, payment may be made before all statements are checked against invoices. In these cases checking is undertaken after payment.

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- (a) Yes
- (b) Not Applicable