

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SUPERANNUATION BOARD, MEMBERS, CREDIT CARDS

1889. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming

I refer the Minister to the answer to question on notice No. 797 of 25 February 2003 and ask -

- (a) what is the reason for members of the Government Employees Superannuation Board having a Government supplied credit card;
- (b) under what rules and conditions were these credit cards issued; and
- (c) when was the last time this card was audited to ensure compliance with the rules and conditions of use?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SUPERANNUATION BOARD:

- (a) To make official purchases of approved goods and services.
- (b) Finance Administration and Audit Act 1985, Section 55 (a) and (c); Treasurer's Instruction 321; and  
Western Australian Government Corporate Credit Card Guidelines, September 2000.

The credit card arrangement date from -

Kevin (Matt Farrell) - 1997

Harvey Collins - 2001

William (Bill) Hassell - 2000

Diane Robertson - 1997

Peter Thomson - 2002

- (c) All expenditure, including that by credit card, is subject to regular periodic testing under the GESB's internal audit program and the Office of the Auditor General's audit cycle.

It would not be possible to ascertain when individual credit card usage was audited without reviewing working papers of both the internal and external audit functions. This would involve substantial staff resources, which I am not prepared to direct GESB to use for this purpose. If the Member has a particular concern about usage of a particular credit card however, I would be pleased to consider arranging for the provision of information on that credit card.