

MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION — PORTFOLIOS — PURCHASING CARDS

132. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

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 Samantha Rowe replied:

This answer covers multiple Ministers' portfolios, including Disability Services, Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Housing; Youth; and Child Protection, Women's Interests, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Community Services portfolios.

- (a) The Department of Communities had 1707 active corporate and government purchasing cards.
- (b) Spend limits range from \$1,000 to \$60,000.
- (c) \$30,568,969
- (d) 151,416 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.