

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN, CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS, TRANSACTIONS

203. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Premier

I refer the Premier to his policy that the State Government is open and accountable, and ask -

- (a) will the Premier table details of all transactions since 1 July 2004 on corporate credit cards allocated to Ministers and members of Ministerial offices, including but not limited to -
 - (i) the date of the transaction;
 - (ii) the value of the transaction;
 - (iii) the name of the business where the transaction occurred; and
 - (iv) the reason for the transaction; and
- (b) if not, why not?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

With the endorsement of the Office of the Auditor General, Ministerial Offices are using credit cards extensively for day to day purchasing. Consequently, the information requested by the Member involves a vast number of transactions ranging from minor expenditure to items of greater significance.

The research involved in responding to the Member's question would require staff to be diverted from their duties for a considerable time and could not be justified.

If the Member has a specific inquiry related to credit cards, I will endeavour to provide a response.

I can also advise that credit card expenditure is subject to annual internal and external audit.