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Tasmanian Government Cards used appropriately

Today, Auditor-General, Mr Rod Whitehead tabled a report in Parliament that found a strong level of compliance with requirements for use of Tasmanian Government Cards by Central Agency and Tasmanian Health Service Executives and their Executive Assistants.

Treasurer's Instruction 705 *Tasmanian Government Card* details criteria for use of the cards. The examination looked at how agencies had implemented the Treasurer's Instruction, agency policies as well as conducting a detailed review of card transactions. Card transactions were selected for testing based on the nature of the supplier, purchase description, transaction value and potential to breach the Treasurer's Instruction and agency policies.

Mr Whitehead said, 'We expected to see strong compliance from senior agency staff and this is largely what we found. There were some breaches, mainly related to retention of appropriate documentation to support the purchase, but these were relatively minor in number and value. Overall, there was no evidence of serious or systemic misuse of public funds or any potentially fraudulent transactions that warranted further investigation.'

The examination resulted in two recommendations to further strengthen existing controls and compliance.

The complete Report can be downloaded from www.audit.tas.gov.au.

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