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Auditor-General examines the use of fuel cards

Today, Auditor-General Mr Rod Whitehead tabled a report in Parliament presenting the findings on his examination of the use of fuel cards. The Auditor-General found that although not substantial in monetary terms, there were:

- areas of weaknesses in controls over the use of fuel cards
- purchases that were not supported by appropriate documentary evidence.

The examination covered fuel card purchase transactions, card controls and transaction reporting and monitoring for 20 government entities for the period between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015.

The report highlights instances where entities failed to comply with established policies and guidance, such as:

- *purchases of fuel different to vehicle requirements*
- *fuel purchased for more than one vehicle at a time, or for other equipment or containers*
- *non-fuel purchases where no documentation was provided to support the nature of the item purchased*
- *incorrect or absent odometer readings*
- *non-activation of security PINs for fuel cards.*

Ten recommendations were made to improve entities compliance with the policies and guidance.

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

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