

The Department does not use credit cards but it does use the Government Procurement Card (GPC) which is a charge card. I have therefore interpreted your request as applying to the GPC.

The Freedom of Information Act only provides the right of access to information not documents. Section 11 of the FOI Act contains a duty to provide information in the form or format requested, e.g. copies of documents; but only so far as is reasonable. Copying all our GPC statements, redacting card numbers and individual's names, then scanning the documents would be a time consuming process.

However, to assist your request, I have attached a spreadsheet detailing all the transactions on GPCs for the period requested. Each card has been given a number summarised on the first sheet. The tabs then detail the statement details for each month from April 2010 until May 2011.

All of these GPC expenses were incurred as part of the course of business. The Department is committed to transparency on the use of the Government Procurement Card.