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You requested the following information:

- **The outstanding balances on any government credit cards relating to the department from the 2015/16 financial year to date**
- **The number of incidents of staff misusing such credit cards during the same time period.**
- **How much interest is being charged on outstanding balances.**

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Q1. What are the outstanding balances on any government credit cards relating to the Department from the 2015-16 financial year to date?

A1. The table bellows shows the monthly outstanding balances on government credit cards from 2015-16 to date.

Month	Financial Year		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	April to date		
Balance Outstanding per Month			
	£	£	£
April	469.62	740.85	565.87
May	167.58	556.22	653.93
June	354.92	775.00	1,131.26
July	862.90	1,519.93	723.55
August	200.46	995.96	1,924.48
September	115.39	973.98	396.39
October	431.56	605.22	635.27
November	431.34	707.86	990.92
December	1,139.01	2,089.32	1,588.95
January	653.31	2,716.83	348.29
February	506.54	2,017.32	N/A
March	232.31	387.90	N/A
Total spend on credit cards	5,564.94	14,086.39	8,958.91

To note that the Wales Office pays off in full every month the balance outstanding on all government credit cards used.

Q2. What is the number of incidents of staff misusing such credit cards during the same period?

A2. None. The Wales Office has strong controls in place to prevent designated cardholders from misusing their credit cards.

Q3. How much interest is being charged on outstanding balances?

A3. See response to Q1. The Wales Office paid credit card interest of £58.91 in 2015-16, £25.72 in 2016-17 and £38.02 in 2017-18 to date.