

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016

Communications Portfolio

Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 173(e)

Australian Communications and Media Authority

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/2/2016

Topic: Government payments of accounts

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?
2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?
7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

1. 15-30 days.
2. 1,123 payments, 98.34%.
3. 12 payments, 1.05%.
4. 6 payments, 0.52%.
5. 1 payment, 0.09%.
- f) Nil.
6. No, as they related to one of the following exempt categories:
 - procurement of real property including leases and licences;
 - procurement where the funding source is an administered appropriation;
 - procurements where the nature of the goods and services, or the structure of the procurement, would make it impractical for the policy to be applied.; or
 - procurements where prior to the date of effect of this policy, a contract or standing offer was already in place or in the process of being negotiated.
7. Not applicable.