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Question No: 173(k)

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Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Government payments of accounts

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

National Cultural Institutions

- Australian National Maritime Museum
- National Film and Sound Archive
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Museum of Australian Democracy

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?

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Answer:

Australian National Maritime Museum

1. The Australian National Maritime Museum pays its accounts to suppliers in a timely manner. To provide the level of detailed information requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. As above.
3. As above.
4. As above.
5. As above.
6. No.
7. N/A.

National Film and Sound Archive

- 1-5: All payments of accounts are made within the terms and conditions of each contractual arrangement. It is NFSA policy to pay all accounts within 30 days. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- 6 No interest has been paid on any payment.
 - 7 N/A.

National Gallery of Australia

1. The Gallery will pay invoices based on the due date defined on the invoice and usually no more than 30 days from receiving an invoice.
2. More than 98%.
3. Less than 2%.
4. 0%.
5. 0%.
6. Nil.
7. N/A.

National Library of Australia

1-5: For the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2015, please find the Library's response in the table below.

Agency	Average	Payments owed that have been paid in under 30 days	Payments owed that have been paid in between 30 and 60 days	Payments owed that have been paid in between 60 and 90 days	Payments owed that have been paid in between 90 and 120 days	Payments owed that have been paid in over 120 days
National Library of Australia	26 days	3,941 or 97.9%	42 or 1.1%	11 or 0.3%	5 or 0.1%	25 or 0.6%

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6-7. The National Library of Australia has not paid interest on overdue accounts. This requirement only applies to Non-Corporate Commonwealth entities.

National Museum of Australia

The National Museum of Australia is not subject to the Procurement On-Time Payment Policy and does not record information at this level.

National Portrait Gallery

1-5 For the reporting period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016 please find the National Portrait Gallery's response in the table below:

Agency	Payments owed that have been paid in under 30 days	Payments owed that have been paid in between 30 and 60 days	Payments owed that have been paid in between 60 and 90 days	Payments owed that have been paid in between 90 and 120 days	Payments owed that have been paid in over 120 days
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	545 92.84%	33 5.62%	5 0.85%	4 0.85%	0 0%

6-7. The National Portrait Gallery has not paid interest on overdue accounts.

The Museum of Australian Democracy

1-6 To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

7. OPH follows the policy written by the Department of Finance in Resource Management Guide No 417 – Supplier Pay On Time or Pay Interest Policy.