

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**  
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**Question No: 173(l)**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**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. On average, payments are made within seven days of receiving approved invoice.
- 2-5. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
6. Interest paid to Cabcharge amounts to \$17.15 between 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016.
7. The Cabcharge interest rate is 1.5 per cent of the overdue monthly balance.