

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

Question: BET 834

Topic: Government Payments of Accounts

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

834. For this financial year to date*, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?
- a) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)
 - b) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
 - c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

Answer:

834. Yes, apart from minor non-compliances. The average payment time to contractors/consultants is 16 days and 98.3% were paid within the 30 day time frame.
- a) Not applicable.
 - b) No.
 - c) Not applicable.