

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Budget Estimates 2014
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Department/ Agency: Australian Office of Financial Management

Question: BET 1585

Topic: Government payment of accounts

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 1585 From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?
- a) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
 - b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
 - c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
 - d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?
 - e) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
 - f) 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
 - g) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

- 1585 For the period 26 February 2014 to 12 June 2014 the average time for payment was 8 days from a correctly rendered invoice.
- a) 167 or 94.4% of payments were made in less than 30 days.
 - b) 9 or 5.1% of payments were made in between 30 and 60 days
 - c) 1 or 0.6% of payment were made in 63 days
 - d) Nil
 - e) Nil
 - f) Interest was not paid on payments in excess of 30 days, 7 of the payments were to large businesses for which interest payment is not required. The remaining 3 payments were for minor amounts and were paid shortly after the 30 day period had elapsed.
 - h) Not applicable.