

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Agency – Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000661**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **FWC - Government payment of accounts**

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**

Between 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2016:

- 1-5. The Fair Work Commission aims to have all accounts paid within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice and subject to goods and services being provided to a satisfactory standard. The collection and calculation of statistics for the average time for payment of accounts to contractors, consultants and others would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
6. The Fair Work Commission has not incurred any interest for overdue accounts.
7. Not applicable.