

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0478\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**WGEA - Payments of accounts**

- a. 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?
- b. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
- c. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
- d. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
- e. 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?
- 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**

- a) From Additional Estimates in February to 31 May 2014, the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) on average paid its accounts within 12 days of receipt.
- b) 159 WGEA payments (98.52%) were paid within 30 days of receipt.
- c) 20 WGEA payments (1.50%) were paid between 30 and 60 days of receipt.
- d) Nil.
- e) Nil.
- f) No.
- g) Not applicable.