

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Comcare

Department of Employment Question No. EM1402_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Comcare - Government payments of accounts

"Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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. The average time for Comcare to pay its accounts to contractors, consultants or others since Budget Estimates in June 2014 is 16 days from the date of invoice.

2. to f) The number and percentage of invoices in each of the categories is shown below. Please note, reference to medical invoices below refer to payments made by Comcare in relation to claims for compensation. Invoices in general, are payments made by Comcare to contractors, consultants and any other provide for the purposes of running the agency.

Please also note, the number of medical invoices in the total row differs to the numbers provided for each category. The reason for this is some medical invoices can have items paid over different periods. For example, when some are manually held, outside treatment plan or require verification. Some invoices will be counted in multiple periods, depending on where their items fall.

Invoice paid	No. of Medical Invoices	% of Medical Invoices	No. of Invoices	% of Invoices
Under 30 days	51,704	65.7%	2,131	91.4%
Between 30 and 60 days	34,599	29.1%	157	6.7%
Between 60 and 90 days	3,680	2.9%	30	1.3%
Between 90 and 120 days	1,053	1.0%	11	0.5%
Over 120 days	1,320	1.3%	2	0.1%
Total	90,423	100%	2,331	100%

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