

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 240

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, 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?
6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
7. 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 7 September 2013?
8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. The average time period for the AFP paying its contractors/consultants is 14.93 days.

The statistical breakdown for invoices paid for 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014 is as follows

Days	0 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 - 120	> 120
Number of Invoices	242	7	0	0	0
	97.19%	2.81%	0%	0%	0%
Value of Invoices	\$ 5,164,588	\$ 94,895	0	0	0
	98.20%	1.80%	0%	0%	0%

2. The AFP paid 242 or 97.19% of its contractor/consultants invoices within 30 days
3. The AFP paid 7 or 2.81% of its contractor/consultants invoices between 30 and 60 days.
4. Zero
5. Zero

6. Zero

7. No late interest has been paid by the AFP for overdue contractor/consultants invoices in this period.

8. Where applicable the rate of interest to be used will be the General Interest Charge Rate. The rate is published by the Australian Taxation Office and is expressed as a decimal rate per day.