

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate

Question No. 168

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 Attorney-General's Department has paid its accounts to all suppliers in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment, with the exception of a small number of accounts
2. 358 payments were paid within 30 days (95.21%)
3. 18 payments were paid within 31-60 days (4.79%)
4. Nil
5. Nil
6. Nil
7. No claims for interest payment on overdue amounts have been received by the department.
8. n/a