

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/091) - Government payments of accounts - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

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:

1. Since 14 September 2015, the average time period for the Department to pay its accounts was 21 days.
- 2.-5. Details are provided in the table below.

Payment Days	No. of invoices paid from 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016	Percentage of total invoices paid from 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016
Paid within 30 days	48,540	89.31
Paid between 30 and 60 days	3,157	5.81
Paid between 60 and 90 days	1,086	2.00
Paid between 90 and 120 days	556	1.02
Paid over 120 days	1,011	1.86
Total Number of Invoices	54,350	100

6. \$11,846 is the amount of interest which has been paid since Estimates 2014 (from 26 February 2014 to 29 February 2016).
7. The rate of interest being paid on overdue invoices was drawn from the Australian Taxation Office web site.