

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 161**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Government payment of accounts**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

- a) From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?
- b) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)
- c) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
- d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer:**

- a) 100% of payments have been made within 30 days of receiving a correctly rendered invoice in relation to the Government Policy.
- b) N/A
- c) N/A
- d) N/A