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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australia Post

Question No: 74

Program No. Australia Post

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:

As a Government Business Enterprise, Australia Post is not subject to the government's policy requirements for the payment of contractor/consultant accounts.