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TOPIC: 30-day payment policy for Small Business

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ryan

QUESTION No.: AI-33

Has Minister Sherry spoken with the Minister for Climate Change about the Department of Climate Change's very poor performance on the small business performance report 2009-10?

What actions have been taken to ratify this?

ANSWER

Minister Sherry wrote to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, the Hon Greg Combet MP, regarding 30 day payment policy on 14 December 2010.

Minister Combet advised that his Department has undertaken a range of initiatives to improve its performance through increased reporting, education of staff, increased use of credit cards and the implementation of automated financial processing.