

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Small Business Late Payments

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ryan

**QUESTION No.:** AI-182

1. From 1 July 2011 to May 2012:
  - a. How many invoices were paid late to small business?
  - b. How many small businesses applied for interest on late payments?
  - c. How many payments has the government made for interest for late payment of invoices?
  - d. In financial terms (dollar amount) how much has been paid by the government for late payment of invoices?
2. Of the invoices from 1 July 2011 to May 2012, how many were paid:
  - a. Within 30 days?
  - b. Within 31-44 days (up to 2 weeks late)?
  - c. Within 45-60 days (up to 30 days late)?
  - d. Not paid after 60 days (over 30 days late)?
3. List the government agencies that have paid invoices late to small business.
4. For each of these agencies, list:
  - a. The number of invoices paid to small business;
  - b. The number of invoices paid late to small business;
  - c. The monetary value of invoices paid late;
  - d. Interest paid by agencies on late payments.

**ANSWER:**

The data requested from 1 July 2011 to May 2012 is not available as the Survey of Australian Government Payments to Small Business covers the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

Survey results for the 2011-2012 financial year are currently being considered.