

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Agency - Comcare

Department of Employment Question No. EM0253\_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Comcare - Payment of accounts

a) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? e) 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? g) 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 7 September 2013? h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer

a to f) The average time for Comcare to pay its accounts to contractors and consultants was 15 days (between Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 and 28 February 2014).

The number and percentage of invoices in each of the categories is shown below. Please note, references to medical invoices below refer to payments made by Comcare in relation to claims for compensation. Invoices in general, are payments made by Comcare to contractors, consultants and any other providers for the purposes of running the agency:

Invoice paid	No. of Medical Invoices	% of Medical Invoices	No. of Invoices*	% of Invoices
Under 30 days	28,063	54.5%	1433	92%
Between 30 and 60 days	32,504	39.1%	98	6%
Between 60 and 90 days	3,403	4.0%	21	1%
Between 90 and 120 days	1,054	1.1%	1	0%
Over 120 days	1,069	1.3%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,655</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1553</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*to 28 February only

g) No.

h) Not applicable.