

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM0256_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - 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

On average the Fair Work Ombudsman has paid its accounts within 19 days. During 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014, 2334 (representing 100 per cent) have been paid within 30 days.