

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EM0257_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - 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) Since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014, the average days Safe Work Australia paid its accounts to contractors, consultants and other providers was 20 days.
- b) Safe Work Australia has paid 286 (99.5%) of its accounts within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered tax invoice.
- c) Safe Work Australia has no instances of accounts paid between 30 and 60 days from the date of receipt of a correctly rendered tax invoice.
- d) Safe Work Australia has no instances of accounts paid between 60 and 90 days from the date of receipt of a correctly rendered tax invoice.
- e) Safe Work Australia has no instances of accounts paid between 90 and 120 days from the date of receipt of a correctly rendered tax invoice.
- f) Safe Work Australia had one instance of an account paid over 120 days from the date of receipt of a correctly rendered tax invoice. The invoice total was \$132 and represents less than 1% of the total number of invoices the agency paid during this period.
- g) Safe Work Australia has paid no interest on overdue accounts.
- h) Not applicable.