

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0258\_14**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**WGEA - 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) From Supplementary Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014, the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) on average paid its accounts within 11 days of receipt.
- b) 163 WGEA payments (91 per cent) were paid within 30 days of receipt.
- c) 15 WGEA payments (9 per cent) were paid between 30 and 60 days of receipt.
- d) Not applicable
- e) Not applicable
- f) Not applicable
- g) For the 15 accounts not paid within 30 days, there has been no interest paid.
- h) Not applicable.