

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Estimates 2012-13
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Government payment of accounts

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

Question reference number: 78

Type of question: Written

Question

For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie within 30 days)?

- **If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics, etc, as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)**
- **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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?**
- **Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?**

Answer

Yes.