

Template for answering QON:

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

Has the portfolio/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, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts.

For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much had been paid by the agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year.

Answer:

The ANAO's standard payment terms are 30 days from the acceptance of goods and services and the receipt of a correctly rendered invoice in the Finance section.

In the past 12 months the ANAO has not paid 11 invoices to contractors/consultants within 30 days. The delay in processing is due to lost invoices or approval delays. The average delay in payment was 29 days and no interest charges were payable.