

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Government Payments of Accounts**

Question: **40**

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**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 8 July 2011**

- (a) Has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and 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.)
- (b) 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?
- (c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

#### Answer

- (a) Payments follow Government policy for all claims that are rendered in accordance with the relevant contract; noting that not all invoices are rendered in a form that enables payment to be made without further information.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.