

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

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**Department/Agency:** Department of the Senate  
**Topic:** Government Payments of Accounts

**Senator:** Senator Ryan  
**Question reference number:** 24  
**Type of Question:** Written

**Question**

- 1. 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 (i.e. within 30 days)?**

**Answer**

Yes

- 2. 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)**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

- 3. 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?**

**Answer**

Not applicable.

- 4. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?**

**Answer**

Not applicable.