

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Government Payments of Accounts

Senator: Ryan

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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)?
 - a) 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)
 - 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:

- Q1. For this financial year to date, there has been 12 invoices that were paid outside the 30 day period.
- a) The reasons for the delay in payment were generally due to the ANAO seeking further clarification on the invoice, and being satisfied that the goods and services were adequately rendered or delivered, prior to making payment.
 - b) No interest has been incurred.
 - c) Not applicable as no interest had been incurred.