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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Topic: Payment of invoices

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Question: (Senator Bernardi)

Senator BERNARDI—...In July it was reported that the climate change department paid approximately 27 per cent of its invoices later than 30 days late. What is the current percentage of bills that are paid late within the department?

Dr Parkinson—We do not have that figure here. I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

In the 2008-09 Survey of Australian Government Payments to Small Business, the Department reported that 18 per cent of invoices (377 invoices) were paid after 30 days. This reflects a 47 per cent improvement from the 2007-08 survey.

In the period 1 July 2009 to 31 October 2009, 16 per cent of the Department's invoices from small business (61 invoices) were paid after 30 days.