

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Question: 127**

**Topic: Government Payments of Accounts**

**Asked By: Senator Abetz**

**Type of Question: Written**

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**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:**

**Australia Council**

**a) The Government's 30 day payment policy does not apply to the Australia Council as a CAC Act agency.**

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b) Not applicable.

c) Not applicable.

**National Film and Sound Archive**

a) The Government's 30 day payment policy does not apply to the National Film and Sound Archive as a CAC Act agency.

b) Not applicable.

c) Not applicable.

**National Gallery of Australia**

a) The Government's 30 day payment policy does not apply to the National Gallery of Australia as a CAC Act agency.

b) Not applicable.

c) Not applicable.

**National Library of Australia**

a) The Government's 30 day payment policy does not apply to the National Library of Australia as a CAC Act agency.

b) Not applicable

c) Not applicable

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**National Museum of Australia**

- a) The Government's 30 day payment policy does not apply to the National Museum of Australia as a CAC Act agency.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.

**Screen Australia**

- a) As a CAC agency, Screen Australia is not subject to government policy in terms of time for payment. However, on average, Screen Australia pays its accounts within 13.6 days.
- b) No.
- c) Not applicable.