

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2010
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Government Payment of Accounts

Senator: ABETZ

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Type of Question: Written

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Answer:

- a) The Office does not record data on payment times in relation to invoices. The Office's practice is for properly rendered invoices to be paid in the next weekly payment cycle. The Office is not aware of any instances of properly rendered invoices not being paid within the established terms of payment, nor has any interest been paid or sought in relation to such payments. As a small agency it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to record such data.
- b) N/A
- c) N/A