

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office
Outcome/Program:
Topic: Government Payment of Accounts

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. For the year 2010-11, did 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.)
 - For accounts not paid within 30 days, was 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?
 - Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
2. For the FYTD, 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.)
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Answer:

Q 1: Yes. However, when the ANAO receives an invoice which is disputed (e.g. the delivery of goods or services have not been completed), payment will not be made

until such time as the ANAO is satisfied that goods and services have been supplied to the standard required.

Q 2: Yes. However, when the ANAO receives an invoice which is disputed, payment will not be made until such time as the ANAO is satisfied that goods and services have been supplied to the standard required.