

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Sports Commission

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Government payments of accounts

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Type of question:** Written

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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:

1. The Australian Sports Commission follows government policy for the payment of accounts within 30 days, however occasionally there are instances where the payment of accounts is delayed.

During 2010-11 there were four instances of payments not made within 30 days.

Two related to timeframes to adequately verify and confirm the accuracy of the invoices with vendors and two related to processing backlogs over the end of the financial year processing period. No interest was paid on these late payments.

2. Yes.