

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

Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Government Payment of Accounts

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- a) 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.)
- b) 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?
- c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
- d) 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.)
- e) 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?
- f) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer:**

- a) For the year 2010-11, the OAIC paid its accounts to contractors/consultants in accordance with Government policy with the exception of 5 payments. The payments outside the terms were due to the transitional arrangements resulting from the establishment of the OAIC. Of the 5 payments, 1 was paid in 42 days, 2 were paid in 35 days, 1 was paid in 33 days and 1 was paid in 32 days.

b) No

c) n/a

d) For the financial year to date, the OAIC has paid its accounts to contractors/consultants within 30 days.

e) No

f) n/a