

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office
Topic: Government payments of accounts

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan
Question reference number: 110
Type of question: Written

Question

For 2011-12, did the department/agency pay its accounts to contractors/consultants, etc, in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie within 30 days)?

- **If not, why not? Provide details, including 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, is/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?**
- **Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If no, why not?**

Answer

Not applicable.