

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 15 OCTOBER 2012**

**PM&C Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Topic:** Payment of Accounts

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

**Question reference number:** 109

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

For this financial year to date, 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? 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 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?

**Answer:**

All accounts with the exception of one have been paid in 30 days.

The one outstanding invoice was due to reconsideration and discussions with the supplier about the services required. This invoice has subsequently been paid. It was 77 days overdue and no interest was paid.

