

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE14/411) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?

- b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
- c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
- d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
- e) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?
- f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
- g) 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 since 7 September 2013?
- h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

*Answer:*

The portfolio pays the majority of its accounts within 30 days.

- b) Over 80 per cent.
- c) Less than 15 per cent.
- d) Less than 2 per cent.
- e) Less than 0.5 per cent.
- f) Less than 1 per cent.
- g) No.
- h) Not applicable.