

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 277  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - GOVERNMENT PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 29 October 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?

- a. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
- b. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
- c. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
- d. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?
- e. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
- f. 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 Estimates, 2014?
- g. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer:**

***Department of the Environment:***

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
26.6 days	23,817	319	75	18	19
	98.2%	1.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%

- f. \$190.51 interest has been paid since 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014.
- g. The general interest charge (GIC) daily rate as published by the Australian Taxation Office is used to calculate interest payable.

**Director of National Parks:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
25.51 days	5,156	47	17	6	8
	98.5%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%

f. Nil.

g. Not applicable.

**Bureau of Meteorology:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
25 days	12,768	1,187	40	0	0
	91.2%	8.5%	0.3%	0%	0%

f. Nil.

g. Not applicable.

**Clean Energy Regulator:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
23.5 days	1,411	113	42	18	11
	88.5%	7.1%	2.6%	1.1%	0.7%

f. \$5,572.75 interest has been paid since 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014.

g. The general interest charge (GIC) daily rate as published by the Australian Taxation Office is used to calculate interest payable.

**Climate Change Authority:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
14.25 Days	64	3	0	0	0
	95.5%	4.5%	0%	0%	0%

f. Nil.

g. Not applicable.

**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
15.6 days	1,524	125	34	19	18
	88.6%	7.3%	2.0%	1.1%	1.0%

f. Nil.

g. Not applicable.

**Murray-Darling Basin Authority:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
17 days	1,953	28	9	4	4
	97.7%	1.4%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%

f. Nil

g. Not applicable

**National Water Commission:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
9.2 days	291	0	0	0	0
	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

f. Nil

g. Not applicable

**Sydney Harbour Federation Trust:**

a - e. For the period 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014:

<b>Average</b>	<b>a. Under 30</b>	<b>b. 30-60</b>	<b>c. 60-90</b>	<b>d. 90-120</b>	<b>e. Over 120</b>
20 days	3,906	161	0	0	0
	96.0%	4.0%	0%	0%	0%

f. Nil

g. Not applicable