

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 70

Topic: Government Payments of Accounts

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator Ludwig asked:

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- a) 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:

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- a) Treasury does not keep those statistics to calculate the average time period the Department has paid all of its accounts.
- b) Total number of payments owed between 21 November 2013 and 28 February 2014 that were paid within 30 days was 2416 or 96.1 per cent.
- c) Total number of payments owed between 21 November 2013 and 28 February 2014 that were paid between 30 and 60 days was 48 or 2.0 per cent.
- d) Total number of payments owed between 21 November 2013 and 28 February 2014 that were paid between 60 and 90 days was 29 or 1.2 per cent.
- e) Total number of payments owed between 21 November 2013 and 28 February 2014 that were paid between 90 to 120 days was 12 or 0.5 per cent.

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f) Total number of payments owed between 21 November 2013 and 28 February 2014 that were paid over 120 days was 5 or 0.2 per cent.

g) Interest on accounts not paid within 30 days will be charged in accordance with the Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business finance circular 2012/02. For the period, a total of \$73.63 in interest will be paid to three suppliers.

h) Interest will be calculated in accordance with the Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business finance circular 2012/02 using the applicable GIC rates.