

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

**Question: SBT 434**

**Topic: Government Payments of Accounts**

**Written: 25 November 2013**

**Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:**

434. a) From 7 September 2013 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)?
- b) 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)
- c) 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?
- d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer:**

434. a) The Department of Treasury follows government policy for payments of accounts within 30 days, however there can be instances where payment of accounts may be delayed.
- b) For this financial year to date, the Treasury paid 99.83% of all suppliers within 30 days.
- c) No Interest has been paid during this time
- d) Refer to response c.