

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: Treasury**  
**Question: SBT 358**  
**Topic: Government Payments of accounts**  
**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**  
**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

358. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:
- a) 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?
  - 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:**

- 358.
- a) Treasury does not keep statistics for specific vendor types when calculating the average time period the Department has paid its accounts.
  - b) Total number of payments owed between 12 June 2014 and 30 October 2014 that were paid within 30 days was 3,756 or 98.84%
  - c) Total number of payment owed between 12 June 2014 and 30 October 2014 that were paid within 30 and 60 days was 15 or 0.40%
  - d) Total number of payment owed between 12 June 2014 and 30 October 2014 that were paid within 60 and 90 days was 14 or 0.37%
  - e) Total number of payment owed between 12 June 2014 and 30 October 2014 that were paid within 90 and 120 days was 4 or 0.11%.  
Total number of payment owed between 12 June 2014 and 30 October 2014 that were paid over 120 days was 11 or 0.28%

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- f) Interest on accounts not paid within 30 days for the period 12 June 2014 to 30 June 2014 will be charged in accordance with the Procurement On-Time payment Policy for Small Business circular 2012/02.

Interest on accounts not paid within 30 days for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 October 2014 will be charged in accordance with the Resource Management Guide No. 417.

For these periods there have been nil interest payment made.

- g) Interest will be calculated in accordance with the Procurement On-Time Payment Policy and the Resource Management Guide No 417 using the applicable GIC rates.