

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ATO

Question: SBT 1889-1896

Topic: Government payments policy

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

1889. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others (including small businesses)?
1890. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
1891. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
1892. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
1893. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days?
1894. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
1895. 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 Budget Estimates June 2015?
1896. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

Since 1 January to 31 October 2015:

1889. The average time for the ATO to pay its accounts was **26.6 days**.
1890. The ATO paid **12,972 invoices (95.0 per cent)** within 30 days of receipt of a correctly rendered invoice.
1891. The ATO paid **452 invoices (3.3 per cent)** between 30 and 60 days
1892. The ATO paid **115 (0.8 per cent)** between 60 and 90 days
1893. The ATO paid **41 (0.3 per cent)** between 90 and 120 days
1894. The ATO paid **71 (0.5 per cent)** over 120 days
1895. For July 2015 to September 2015, the ATO paid **\$473.44** (GST exclusive) in interest under the Supplier Pay on Time or Pay Interest policy.
1896. Interest is paid at the General Interest Charge (GIC) rate. The GIC rate is updated quarterly and calculated using a statutory formula based on the monthly arrangement

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yield of 90 day bank accepted bills, published by the Reserve Bank of Australia and an uplift factor of 7 percent.