

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: ARC

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000453

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ARC: Government payments of accounts

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?
2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
5. 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?
6. 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?
7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.

1. The average time period is seven days for all Departmental accounts covering the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.
2. 995 payments, 99.30 per cent
3. five payments, 0.50 per cent
4. one payment, 0.10 per cent
5. one payment made on 100 days, 0.10 per cent
6. The ARC has not been charged interest on late accounts but this is at the discretion of the vendor.
7. Not applicable