

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: AIATSIS**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000456**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***AIATSIS: 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 Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies has provided the following response.

1. The average time period for the agency to pay accounts is seven days.
2. Ninety six per cent or 2734 payments were made in under 30 days.
3. Four per cent or 102 payments were made in between 30 and 60 days.
4. Nil.
5. Nil.
6. No interest paid.
7. N/A