

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000309**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Comcare - Government payment of accounts**

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**

1. The average time for Comcare to pay its accounts to contractors, consultants or others since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 is 17.6 days from the date of invoice.

2 - 5: The number and percentage of invoices in each of the categories is shown below.

<b>Invoice Paid</b>	<b>No. of Invoices</b>	<b>% of Invoices</b>
Under 30 days	2,051	88.56%
Between 30 and 60 days	201	8.68%
Between 60 and 90 days	51	2.20%
Between 90 and 120 days	10	0.43%
Over 120 days	3	0.13%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,316</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

6. No.

7. Nil.