

# **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Agency - Safe Work Australia**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000628**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

### **Question**

#### **SWA - 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. From 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the average time period in which Safe Work Australia paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others was 18.5 days.
2. The number of payments made in under 30 days was 216 (85.04%).
3. The number of payments made in between 30 and 60 days was 25 (9.84%).
4. The number of payments made in between 60 and 90 days was 8 (3.15%).
5. The number of payments made in between 90 and 120 days was 4 (1.57%). The number of payments made over 120 days was 1 (0.39%).
6. Interest is not being paid on overdue amounts not paid within 30 days.
7. Not applicable