

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1405\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**FWO - Government payments of accounts**

"Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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**

During the period 2 June to 31 October 2014, the Fair Work Ombudsman has paid its accounts, on average, within 18 days.

In this period, a total of 1,348 payments (representing 100%) have been paid within 30 days.

No interest has been paid by the Fair Wok Ombudsman.