

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Agency - Safe Work Australia**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1406\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**SWA - 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**

The following details relate to Safe Work Australia's account payments since Budget Estimates in June 2014 to 31 October 2014.

- 1) The average time period for Safe Work Australia to pay its contractors, consultants and other suppliers was 28 days.
- 2) A total of 155 payments were actioned with 80 per cent of these being paid within 30 days.
- 3) A total of 27 payments were actioned between 30 and 60 days which represents 17 per cent of the total.
- 4) A total of 5 payments were actioned between 60 and 90 days which represents 3 per cent of the total.
- 5) Nil.
- f) Nil.
- 6) For accounts not paid within 30 days no interest was paid on overdue amounts.
- 7) Not applicable.