

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Budget Estimates 2013–14
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio
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Department	Parliamentary Budget Office
Topic	Government payments of accounts
Senator	Senator Ludwig
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Question

- 1 From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, 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?
- 6 How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?
- 7 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 7 September 2013?
- 8 Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer

- 1 For the period 26 November 2013 to 28 February 2014, the average time the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) paid its accounts was twenty days.
- 2 For the period 26 November 2013 to 28 February 2014, 77 invoices or 88.5 per cent have been paid within 30 days.
- 3 For the period 26 November 2013 to 28 February 2014, six invoices or 6.9 per cent have been paid between 31 and 60 days.

- 4 For the period 26 November 2013 to 28 February 2014, four invoices or 4.6 per cent have been paid between 61 and 90 days.
- 5 Nil.
- 6 Nil.
- 7 No interest has been charged for invoice paid outside the 30 day period.
- 8 Not applicable.