

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: Government payments of accounts

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) From Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?
- b) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?
- c) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?
- d) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?
- e) 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?
- g) 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
- h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

- a) From 24 February to 31 May 2014, the average time period for payments of accounts at the Australian Public Service Commission was 21.9 days.
- b) 871 (92 percent) of payments owed were paid in under 30 days.
- c) 48 (5 percent) of payments owed were paid in between 30 and 60 days.
- d) 14 (1 percent) of payments owed were paid in between 60 and 90 days.
- e) 8 (1 percent) of payments owed were paid in between 90 and 120 days.
- f) 13 (1 percent) of payments owed were paid in over 120 days.
- g) There was no interest or late payment fees incurred by the APSC during the period.
- h) Not applicable.