

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26-27 May 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Government payments of accounts

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

1. 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?
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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

ONA Response:

1. ONA accounts are paid in accordance with Government policy on receipt of goods and services and a correctly rendered invoice. All ONA accounts have been paid within 30 days from 24 February to 31 May 2014.
2. 586 payments (100%) have been paid in less than 30 days of a correctly rendered invoice within the time period of 24 February to 31 May 2014.
3. Nil
4. Nil
5. Nil
6. Nil
7. N/A
8. N/A