

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of the Senate

Supplementary Budget Estimates

18 – 21 November 2013

Question: 36

Topic: Government payments of accounts

Written: 26 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc. in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?
2. If not, why not?
 - a) Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts?
 - b) Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc. as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.
3. 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
4. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

The department has paid all accounts within 30 days since 7 September 2013.