

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Payment of Small Business Accounts

Senator: Senator Wong

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) Since 18 September 2013 what percentage of account payments to small business have been made
 - a. within 30 days
 - b. within 31-60 days and
 - c. beyond 60 days?
- (2) Has any interest for late payment been paid to a small business in this period? If so, please provide details?

Answer:

- (1) From 18 September 2013 to date, the Office has paid 100 per cent of its account payments to small business within 30 days.
- (2) Not applicable.