

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014–15
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio
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Department Parliamentary Budget Office
Topic Government payments of accounts

Senator Senator Ludwig

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Type of question Written

Question

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- 1 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 during the specified period?
- 8 Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer

- 1 For the period 1 June to 31 October 2014, the average time the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) paid its accounts was 17 days.
- 2 For the period 1 June to 31 October 2014, 64 invoices or 100 per cent have been paid within 30 days.

- 3 Nil.
- 4 Nil.
- 5 Nil.
- 6 Nil.
- 7 Not applicable.
- 8 Not applicable.