

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/530) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

- 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 1 February to 31 May 2014 the portfolio paid the majority of its accounts within 30 days.
- b) 31 163 (84.6 per cent).
- c) 4 934 (13.4 per cent).
- d) 300 (0.8 per cent).
- e) 137 (0.3 per cent).
- f) 327 (0.9 per cent).
- g) The portfolio paid \$48 as interest on one overdue account.
- h) The daily rate of 0.026 per cent was determined by the Department of Finance.