

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Hearing: Additional Estimates
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Programme: Corporate Strategies Division
Topic: Portfolio wide - Government payment of accounts
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Senator Ludwig asked:

- a) From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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 7 September 2013?
- h) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

Department of the Environment

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
26.4 days	11,498	162	11	16	6
	98.3%	1.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

- g) \$52.94 in interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.
- h) The general interest charge (GIC) daily rate on the day the payment was due is used to calculate the interest payable. For the interest paid since 7 September 2013, the GIC daily rate was 0.02630137%.

Director National Parks

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
22.4 days	1,362	136	4	3	6
	90.1%	9.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%

g) No interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) Not applicable.

Bureau of Meteorology

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
22 days	3,204	311	1	0	0
	91.2%	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

g) \$38.37 in interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) The general interest charge (GIC) daily rate on the day the payment was due is used to calculate the interest payable. For the interest paid since 7 September 2013, the GIC daily rate was 0.02630137%.

Clean Energy Regulator

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
27 days	541	60	24	15	0
	84.5%	9.4%	3.8%	2.3%	0.0%

g) No interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) Not applicable.

Climate Change Authority

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
15 days	71	2	3	1	1
	91.0%	2.6%	3.8%	1.3%	1.3%

g) No interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) Not applicable.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
10.4 days	1,123	34	19	20	0
	94.0%	2.8%	1.6%	1.6%	0.0%

g) No interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) Not applicable.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
23 days	759	20	9	2	2
	95.8%	2.5%	1.1%	0.3%	0.3%

g) No interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) Not applicable.

National Water Commission

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
14.8 days	187	17	1	0	0
	91.2%	8.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%

g) No interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) Not applicable.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

a) to f) For the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014:

a) Average	b) Under 30	c) 30-60	d) 60-90	e) 90-120	f) Over 120
22 days	548	68	2	0	0
	95.7%	4.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%

g) No interest has been paid since 7 September 2013 to 31 January 2014.

h) Not applicable.