

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Government payments of accounts

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

1. 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?
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 since 7 September 2013?
8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

**Answer:**

1. From 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014, the average time period for payments of accounts at the Australian Public Service Commission was 28.4 days.
2. 702 (86 percent) of payments owed were paid in under 30 days.
3. 59 (7 percent) of payments owed were paid in between 30 and 60 days.

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4. 30 (4 percent) of payments owed were paid in between 60 and 90 days.
5. 12 (1 percent) of payments owed were paid in between 90 and 120 days.
6. 16 (2 percent) of payments owed were paid in over 120 days.
7. There was no interest or late payment fees incurred by the APSC during the period.
8. Not applicable.