

### **Senate Question on Notice PM70 – All Departments and Agencies – Senator Barnett**

Senator Barnett asked:

- (1) Has the portfolio/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)
- (2) 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 for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
- (3) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

### **Response:**

- (1) Since 1 July 2009, all invoices to contractors/consultants have been paid by the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (OIGIS) within 30 days, with the exception of those listed in the following table.

<b>Contract Supplier</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Invoice Amount</b>	<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Approved for Payment in OIGIS</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Intercontinental Hotel	1707472	\$ 8,698.00	3 Sept 09	3 Sep 09	3 Oct 09	27 Oct 09	Administrative misunderstanding between OIGIS and its accounts payable service provider. Not a systemic issue.
Infinite Networks	9083152	\$ 2,970.00	31 Aug 09	2 Dec 09	30 Sept 09	8 Dec 09	Administrative oversight in OIGIS. Not a systemic issue.

- (2) No invoices have been received or paid for interest payments.
- (3) Not applicable.