Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Senate Budget Estimates 2010-11 (May 2010)

Portfolio of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian Institute of Family Studies **Outcome/Output Group:** 1.1 **Topic:** Government Payments of Accounts

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- a) 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.)
- **b)** 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?
- c) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer:

All payments are made in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment. No interest paid on overdue amounts.