

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

All Programs

Question No. 97

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

Government payment of accounts:

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

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Details for the Attorney-General's Department and agencies in the Attorney-General's portfolio are at Attachment A.