

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, CREDITORS, PAYMENT OF INVOICES

802. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

For each department and agency within the Minister's portfolio since 1 May 2001, will the Minister provide the following -

- (a) the number of creditors for each month;
- (b) the number of creditors paid within 30 days, 45 days, 60 days and 90 days or more of the receipt of the invoice;
- (c) for invoices paid after 60 days, what was the value of each invoice; and
- (d) for invoices paid after 90 days or more, what was the value of each invoice?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

The information being sought by the member is not readily available.

I would advise that information systems used in agencies are designed to address operational and statutory requirements and don't necessarily facilitate the ready provision of information being sought by the member.

However, if the member has a particular issue of concern, I would be pleased to consider arranging for the agency to provide information on that specific issue.