

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, CREDITORS

1519. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Attorney General; Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs; Electoral Affairs; Peel and the South West

For each Department and Agency within the Attorney General's portfolio, will the Attorney General provide from each agency or department financial system -

- (a) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 30 days, as at 30 June 2001;
- (b) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 30 days and less than or equal to 60 days, as at 30 June 2001;
- (c) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 60 days and less than or equal to 90 days, as at 30 June 2001;
- (d) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 90 days and less than or equal to 120 days, as at 30 June 2001;
- (e) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 120 days, as at 30 June 2001;
- (f) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 30 days, as at 30 June 2002;
- (g) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 30 days and less than or equal to 60 days, as at 30 June 2002;
- (h) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 60 days and less than or equal to 90 days, as at 30 June 2002;
- (i) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 90 days and less than or equal to 120 days, as at 30 June 2002; and
- (j) the amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 120 days, as at 30 June 2002?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

On 29th May 2003, in answer to Question on Notice 800, I provided a 93 page response on information relating to: the number of creditors for each month since 1 May 2001; the number of creditors paid within 30, 45, 60 and 90 days or more after receipt of the invoice; and the value of each invoice paid after 60 or 90 days. The provision of this answer required considerable allocation of time and resources, especially within the Department of Justice.

This Question on Notice is a variation on the information already provided in Question on Notice 800 and I am reluctant to further commit the Department of Justice and agencies within my portfolio to the extensive work required to answer this question, unless it relates to data, which is ordinarily collected in the normal course of operations. Should the Member have a specific question on data that is collected as part of normal operations or on a particular invoice, I would be pleased to answer the question.