

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - CREDITORS - NUMBER AND AMOUNT
OUTSTANDING

1370. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Community Development; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth

For each Department and Agency within the Minister's portfolio -

- (1) What was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 30 days as at 30 June 2006?
- (2) What was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 60 days as at 30 June 2006?
- (3) What was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 90 days as at 30 June 2006?
- (4) What was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 120 days as at 30 June 2006?
- (5) What was the amount and number of creditors outstanding more than 120 days as at 30 June 2006?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Department for Community Development

- (1) 964 Creditors valued at \$1,095,940.15
- (2) 80 Creditors valued at \$48,412.90
- (3) 36 Creditors valued at \$20,665.05
- (4) 18 Creditors valued at \$13,900.46
- (5) 14 Creditors valued at \$19,530.90

There are circumstances under which payment of creditors within 30 days is not possible and these circumstances explain why the above payments were not made within this timeframe:

Accounts in Dispute - accounts are not approved for payment until any dispute is resolved. This may involve clarification of GST issues, payee details, questions on goods/services provided and funding arrangements.

Payments for client support services - caseworkers receive invoices however due to the priority of workload, in some instances, payment of accounts is slow. Accounts received by the department for payment that have not had a client funding plan in place sometimes result in a delay in payment.

Incorrect recording - the date an invoice is received into the Department or Office is that which is recorded in the finance system. Testing has indicated that sometimes these dates are incorrectly recorded or sourced from incorrect field of information extending the reported payment timeframes.

Misdirected invoices - payments delayed because an invoice was incorrectly addressed.

Office for Children and Youth

- (1) 6 Creditors valued at \$5,027.98
- (2)-(5) None

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Office for Seniors and Volunteering

- (1) 4 Creditors valued at \$69,707.75
- (2) 1 Creditor valued at \$248,365.41*
- (3) 1 Creditor valued at \$11.00
- (4) None
- (5) None

* This transaction related to an account for rent and outgoings at new premises, and was delayed due to finalising funding arrangements.

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