

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - CREDITORS - NUMBER AND AMOUNT
OUTSTANDING

2561. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Peel

For each Department and Agency within the Minister's portfolios:

- (a) what was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 30 days as at 30 June 2007;
- (b) what was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 60 days as at 30 June 2007;
- (c) what was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 90 days as at 30 June 2007;
- (d) what was the amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 120 days as at 30 June 2007; and
- (e) what was the amount and number of creditors outstanding more than 120 days as at 30 June 2007?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Department of Environment and Conservation

The Department of Environment and Conservation made every effort to pay creditors within 30 days, however there are circumstances under which this is not possible. Examples, which are reflected in the figures below are:

Accounts in dispute

Accounts may, on occasion, not be approved for payment if there is a dispute over satisfactory delivery of goods or services.

Grant payments

Grant payments are not made until the department is satisfied that any required milestones have been met. This can cause delays in payment.

Misdirected invoices

Payment can be delayed if invoices are incorrectly addressed.

- (a) The amount outstanding for less than or equal to 30 days as at 30 June 2007 was \$15 956 983.32. The number of creditors was 1,307.
- (b) The amount outstanding for more than 30 days and less than or equal to 60 days as at 30 June 2007 was \$55 080.22. The number of creditors was 15.
- (c) There were no creditors outstanding for more than 60 days and less than or equal to 90 days as at 30 June 2007.
- (d) The amount outstanding for more than 90 days and less than or equal to 120 days as at 30 June 2007 was \$7 317.80. The number of creditors was 3.
- (e) There were no creditors outstanding for greater than 120 days as at 30 June 2007.

Peel Development Commission

- (a) 9 creditors valued at a total of \$133 185.
- (b)-(e) Nil

Swan River Trust

- (a) \$1 091 747 and 50 creditors
- (b)-(e) Nil

Perth Zoo

The Zoological Parks Authority makes every effort to pay creditors within 30 days and has policies and procedures in place to manage these payment terms. On occasion there are some creditor invoices that are unable to be processed within 30 days but these instances are minimal. The types of situations that may cause this to occur include:

- Creditor failing to submit invoice in a timely manner and then using the transaction date as the invoice date rather than the date they issue the invoice. This can result in the date received by the agency being well after the date on the invoice.
 - Invoices received by the agency but on hold pending the issue of a credit note to be offset against the invoice.
 - Invoices received by the agency but on hold as goods not received or services satisfactory performed.
 - Invoices not issued correctly by creditor (i.e. not tax compliant, computations and costing incorrect) and payment delayed while invoice is being amended.
 - Original invoice not received or misplaced and duplicate copy required from creditor to enable payment.
- (a) The amount outstanding for less than or equal to 30 days as at 30 June 2007 was \$270 528.09. The number of creditors was 103.
- (b) The amount outstanding for more than 30 days and less than or equal to 60 days as at 30 June 2007 was \$2 012.49. The number of creditors was 9.
- (c) The amount outstanding for more than 60 days and less than or equal to 90 days as at 30 June 2007 was \$505.03. The number of creditors was 1.
- (d) There were no creditors outstanding for more than 90 days and less than or equal to 120 days as at 30 June 2007.
- (e) The amount outstanding for greater than 120 days as at 30 June 2007 was \$446.74. The amount of creditors was 2.

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority makes every effort to pay creditors within 30 days, however, there are circumstances under which this is not possible. These 4 items outstanding for greater than 30 days were in dispute for work not completed. These have since been resolved and amounts are no longer outstanding.

- (a) The amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 30 days as at 30 June 2007 at the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority was \$790,742.62 and 120.
- (b) The amount and number of creditors outstanding for less than or equal to 60 days as at 30 June 2007 at the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority was \$14,696.20 and 4.
- (c)-(e) Nil.