

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - CREDITORS - NUMBER AND AMOUNT  
OUTSTANDING

4577. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

For each Department and Agency within the Minister's portfolio, will the Minister provide from each Department and Agency financial system -

- (1) The amount and number of creditors outstanding for greater than 120 days, as at 31 December 2006?
- (2) What measures, if any, have been taken in the period between 1 July 2006 and 31 December 2006 to expedite payments to creditors?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

Peel Development Commission:

- (1) None.
- (2) Not applicable.

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority:

- (1) The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority has no creditors outstanding for greater than 120 days, as at 31 December 2006.
- (2) The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority has expanded the issuing of NAB credit cards to officers to increase procure to payment process.

Perth Zoo:

- (1) A total of \$2,596.06 owing to six creditors was outstanding for greater than 120 days as at 31 December 2006.
- (2) Perth Zoo has a system in place to cycle payments on agreed payment terms (within 30 days) and to follow-up on any aged invoices listed on supplier statements.  
  
Regular reminders and training of staff regarding the importance of prompt payment authorisation have taken place during the financial year.

Answer for the Swan River Trust:

- (1) Nil.
- (2) The Department of Water provided corporate services to the Swan River Trust during this period. The Department has as part of its financial policies and procedures information which is made available to all employees relating to the requirement for invoices to be date stamped so that the 30 day terms as specified in Treasurer's Instruction 323 can be met.

Department of Environment and Conservation

- (1) Nil.
- (2) The Department of Environment and Conservation's accounting system is programmed to pay creditors within 30 days of the date of receipt of an invoice.