

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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1994. Dr M J Figg (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(a) How many invoices for each department (i) have been paid and (ii) have not been paid within the prescribed 30-day period since 1 April 2014 and (b) where invoices were not paid in the prescribed 30-day period, what were the reasons in each case respectively?

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REPLY

- (a) The responsibility of processing invoices lies with the Accounting Officers of each department. The question should be directed to each Accounting Officer or Executing Authority. However, the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer has created an avenue for suppliers to report instances of non-payment within the specified period.
- (b) We are unable to answer regarding the reasons as to why specific departments do not pay within the prescribed 30-day period. Where the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer has been approached to intervene, the reasons given for non-payment range from paperwork being misplaced, no reasons given for non-payment, poor cash-flow management (meaning the department cannot pay suppliers); disputes on supplier performance or invoices that are mentioned when the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer intervenes.

