



Freedom of Information Request FOI 20 47

Invoice payment performance data

Query:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following from your finance systems and Accounts Payable department:

Invoice payment performance data for financial years 18/19 and 19/20:

1. How many invoices were paid late (actual number rather than %) and what is the total value of invoices paid late?
2. Is this split out by sector / category or can you identify SME suppliers that have been paid late? If so, what are the volumes values?
3. How many claims have you processed for late payment of invoices? How many claims were successful and how many were rejected (and for what reason)? (Volumes and values of claims)
4. Do you have a documented process for late payment claims? If so, is this published and can it be shared? In the absence of a process, where should late payment claims be submitted?

I am aware that many councils may publish a summary of their payment performance as required by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. I am seeking the transaction detail that sits behind this.

Response:

For the purposes of this request, we have determined that any invoice paid after it's due date is "late". Because many of our suppliers request immediate payment, the invoice date and the due date are the same, resulting in payment that is technically "late". Therefore, it is important to note that the number of invoices and value shown in the table as paid late is overstated when compared to our standard 30 day payment terms.

Financial Year	18/19		19/20	
Question	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
1. How many invoices were paid late?	5288	£10,293,493.25	3844	£7,801,873.11
2. How many invoices of SME suppliers were paid late?	Invoices are not categorised by sector or category, therefore this information is not held		Invoices are not categorised by sector or category, therefore this information is not held	



3 a. How many successful claims have you processed for late payment of invoices?	None	Value of claim (not invoice)	None	Value of claim (not invoice)
3 b. How many claims have you rejected for late payment of invoices?	None	Value of claim (not invoice)	None	Value of claim (not invoice)
4 a. Do you have a documented process for late payment claims?	No			
4 b. If yes, is this published and can it be shared?	Not applicable			
4 c. In the absence of a process, where should late payment claims be submitted?	All invoices/queries are emailed to accounts@dwfrs.org.uk			

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 20, July 2020