

Payment Processing Performance for NICS Departments

In November 2008 the Minister for Finance and Personnel announced that NICS departments had been set a target to pay valid invoices within **10 working days**. Since then, Account NI has taken steps to minimise invoice processing times, with invoices being paid once they have been fully authorised and quality assured by departmental officials. The table below shows the performance of each department against this target for the month of **August 2011**. The figures reflect invoices received from suppliers, including utility bills and construction-related invoices for the Central Procurement Directorate's Works Order Processing System (WOPS).

Department	No of Invoices Paid	% Paid Within 10 Working Days	% Paid Within 30 Calendar Days
Department of Finance and Personnel	3166	95%	98%
Office of the First and deputy First Minister	414	85%	95%
Department of Employment and Learning	738	90%	97%
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	334	95%	99%
Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety	541	77%	90%
Department for Social Development	1073	95%	99%
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	2228	86%	97%
Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	310	95%	98%
Department of Education	233	94%	99%
Department of the Environment	2443	92%	97%
Department for Regional Development (<i>inc Roads Service</i>)	3083	93%	96%
SUMMARY	14563	91%	97%
Account NI will continue to work closely with departments to minimise any delay in processing invoices.			