

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 **December 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	2,879	94%	98%
Office of the First and deputy First Minister	465	80%	94%
Department of Employment and Learning	560	90%	99%
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	301	91%	97%
Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety	414	84%	95%
Department for Social Development	1,135	92%	98%
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	1938	88%	96%
Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	317	91%	97%
Department of Education	278	95%	99%
Department of the Environment	2,254	95%	99%
Department for Regional Development	2,755	93%	98%
SUMMARY	13,296	92%	98%