

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 **January 2012**. 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	3,738	95%	98%
Office of the First and deputy First Minister	511	81%	93%
Department of Employment and Learning	674	88%	95%
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	375	92%	99%
Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety	466	81%	93%
Department for Social Development	1,426	93%	96%
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	2,492	87%	96%
Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	363	93%	98%
Department of Education	314	89%	95%
Department of the Environment	2,410	91%	97%
Department for Regional Development	3,062	91%	96%
SUMMARY	15,831	91%	97%