

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 **May 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	3420	76%	89%
Office of the First and deputy First Minister	463	83%	94%
Department of Employment and Learning	866	76%	94%
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	410	90%	97%
Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety	744	77%	91%
Department for Social Development	1180	86%	96%
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	2812	77%	93%
Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	388	74%	97%
Department of Education	302	90%	96%
Department of the Environment	2729	70%	88%
Department for Regional Development (<i>inc Roads Service</i>)	3435	90%	96%
SUMMARY	16749	80%	92%
Account NI will continue to work closely with departments to minimise any delay in processing invoices.			