

### 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 **November 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	4,250	95%	99%
Office of the First and deputy First Minister	632	78%	96%
Department of Employment and Learning	937	82%	99%
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	469	88%	100%
Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety	594	78%	97%
Department for Social Development	1,515	90%	99%
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	2,568	82%	98%
Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	341	91%	99%
Department of Education	358	95%	99%
Department of the Environment	2,549	94%	99%
Department for Regional Development ( <i>inc Roads Service</i> )	3,283	93%	99%
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>17,496</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>99%</b>
Account NI will continue to work closely with departments to minimise any delay in processing invoices.			