

### 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 **September 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	3126	97%	99%
Office of the First and deputy First Minister	402	85%	94%
Department of Employment and Learning	660	90%	95%
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	372	96%	99%
Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety	570	76%	94%
Department for Social Development	1070	94%	99%
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	2104	88%	97%
Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure	324	96%	99%
Department of Education	281	92%	98%
Department of the Environment	2476	95%	98%
Department for Regional Development ( <i>inc Roads Service</i> )	2962	94%	99%
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>14347</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>98%</b>
Account NI will continue to work closely with departments to minimise any delay in processing invoices.			