

Response date: 9th and 17th July 2025

You asked Money and Pensions Service the following

Part One

1. We request under FOIA that you provide the following information in respect of suppliers which were not paid in within 30 days for the period starting 1 April 2019 to the date of this request:
 - a. Supplier Name
 - b. Invoice Date
 - c. Gross Invoice Value
 - d. Payment Date
 - e. Late Payment Compensation or Interest Paid (if any)

Part Two

1. That since 1 April 2019, no undisputed supplier invoices have been paid later than 30 days; and
2. That the approximately 3% of invoices not paid within 30 days were all subject to dispute (e.g. incorrect invoicing, defective goods/services, or similar), and therefore not classed as late under the relevant payment regulations.

Money and Pensions Service Response

Part One

Dating back to April 2019, 97% of supplier invoices received have been paid within 30 days of receipt. The population under review includes supplier invoices that would have been in dispute i.e. incorrect invoicing, defective work etc. and therefore would not be due for payment until resolution.

Where supplier invoices were not paid within 30 days, there have been no known instances where approved supplier invoices have been actively withheld for payment within their agreed payment terms. No late payment compensation or interest has related to these instances.

Part Two

From the current information we hold on our systems, there were no undisputed invoices identified that were paid later than 30 days. Please note that within the 3% of invoices not paid within 30 days, these also include purchase invoices received without a valid purchase order in place, and therefore subjected as a dispute until a valid purchase order was in place.

There were no instances identified where late interest was considered payable / paid in line with the payment regulations.