

Question on Notice

No. 646

Asked on 1 May 2019

MR M MCARDLE asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) —

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise for the quarters 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018, 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019, the percentage of late payments under the Late Payment Policy and whether interest was paid on any late payments?

ANSWER

I am advised that the percentage of late payments processed by the Department of Health for the following quarters is:

- 20% for 1 July 2018 to 30 September 2018;
- 21% for 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018; and
- 33% for 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019.

This compares with the percentage of late payments processed during a comparable period during the former Government, as follows:

- 24.17% for 1 July 2013 to 30 September 2013;
- 32% for 1 October 2013 to 31 December 2013; and
- 37.79% for 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014.

I am further advised that no interest was paid on any late payments during the period from 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019.