

Question on Notice

No. 839

Asked on 12 August 2020

MS R BATES asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to the Late Payment quarterly reports published on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal—

Will the Deputy Premier provide (reported separately by quarter) (a) the percentage of late payments for the January 2020 to March 2020 quarter and the April 2020 to June 2020 quarter, (b) the distinct number of businesses affected by these late payments, (c) the total dollar amount of the late payments between January 2020 to March 2020 quarter and the April 2020 to June 2020 quarter, and (d) the highest outstanding amount to a single business?

ANSWER

I am advised that:

(a) The percentage of late payments was:

- 50.8 per cent for the January to March 2020 quarter; and
- 23.4 per cent for the April to June 2020 quarter.

In comparison, the percentage of late payments was:

- 32.0 per cent for the October to December 2013 quarter; and
- 37.79 per cent for the January to March 2014 quarter.

(b) The distinct number of businesses affected by late payments was:

- 1,819 for the January to March 2020 quarter; and
- 1,720 for the April to June 2020 quarter.

In comparison, the distinct number of businesses affected by late payments was:

- 1,466 for the October to December 2013 quarter; and
- 1,682 for the January to March 2014 quarter.

(c) The total dollar amount of late payments was:

- \$203.1 million for the January to March 2020 quarter; and
- \$179.0 million for the April to June 2020 quarter.

(d) The highest outstanding amount to a single business was:

- \$986,000 for the January to March 2020 quarter; and
- \$966,000 for the April to June 2020 quarter. This amount was paid one day outside of Queensland Health's standard payment terms of 30 days.