

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1243

asked on 28 October 2022

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**MR B MICKLEBERG** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON D FARMER) —

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what exemptions apply to the State Government's On-Time Payment Policy and detail the criteria that is used to determine if a payment is exempt from the policy?

### ANSWER:

The On-time Payment Policy (OPP) applies to all Queensland Government departments and Hospital and Health Services.

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) is responsible for leading the OPP, with each agency covered by the policy responsible for implementation and reporting at an agency level.

The is OPP policy document is publicly available on the Queensland Government website (<https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-government-on-time-payment-policy2019/resource/0b451189-eac1-40fb-8b3c-52ab6ca8ceb7>).

Section 3.3.2 of the OPP policy details the standard Queensland Government exemptions from the payment of late penalty interest, these are:

- Payments to non-small business suppliers;
- Payments on existing contracts with payment terms of greater than 20 calendar days where those payment terms were set at 30 June 2020 or where requirements are mandated by legislation including the *Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017*;
- Payments due during compulsory Queensland Government Christmas and New-Year closure periods;
- Payments not able to be made due to an event that makes approval and processing of payments not possible (for example a natural disaster);
- Payments to government employees and vendors;
- Grant payments;
- Sponsorship payments; and
- Donations.

Section 3.3.3 of the OPP policy provides for Department specific exemptions from the payment of late penalty interest. Chief Executive Officers are required to approve department specific payment exemptions from the OPP and authorise their publication along with the reason for exemption.

Department specific exemptions are required to published centrally on the website hosting the claim form for ease of access by small business suppliers. This website is Business Queensland (<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/support/small-business/on-time-payment-policy/on-time-policy>).

The current list of exemptions is available at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/support/small-business/on-time-payment-policy/exemptions>.