

Prompt Payment Performance - Supplier Invoices Paid within 5 days of receipt of invoice

The Northern Ireland Office, as a central government department, is required to pay 80% of all undisputed invoices within five working days. This target includes a period of 2 working days for electronic payments to be processed through the Bank Automated Clearing System.

The department uses a shared service provider to process invoices. In order to try to meet the overall Government 5 day target, the Department has set business areas an internal target to have approved invoices to the shared service provider by working day 2. This target is with a view to the invoice being processed on day 3 and with 2 days to clear the BACS system, should clear the supplier bank account by day 5.

The percentage of invoices paid by the department within **5 working days** is as follows:

Month	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	December	January	February	March
% paid within 5 working days	Target not in place	25%	32%	33%	48%	51%	47%	56%				

Performance against the target to have invoices to the shared service provider within 2 working days was as follows:

Month	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	December	January	February	March
% received by SSC < 2 working days	Not available	Not available	Not available	65%	78%	80%	79%	83%				

The percentage of supplier payments made to October within **10 working days** was as follows:

Month	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	December	January	February	March
% paid within 10 working days	87%	95%	98%	96%	97%	98%	99%	100%				