

'Core' Home Office and UK Border Agency (UKBA)

A) Payment performance to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is reported on compliant invoices, i.e. those which correctly bear the Purchase Order number so that they can be matched to orders.

Small and Medium sized Payment Performance			
Month.	Compliant Invoices Received.	Compliant Invoices Paid within 10 days.	% of Compliant Invoices Paid.
Jan	856	856	100.00%
Feb	1001	1001	100.00%
Mar	1082	1081	99.99%

B) Payment of suppliers (all payment terms) includes non-compliant invoices as most issues are resolved within the agreed payment timeframes.

All Payment Performance Summary			
Month.	Payments Made	Payments Within Terms	% of Payments within terms
Jan	9035	7544	83.5%
Feb	7670	7243	94.4%
Mar	10811	10109	93.5%

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)

Please note that it is not possible to distinguish between small, medium and large companies, as this information is not recorded. The answer for part a therefore includes all payments, not just small and medium-sized enterprises

month	No. Rec'd	No. Paid	Paid in	
			30 days*	% in 30 days ^
Jan-09	110	109	106	97.25%
Feb-09	148	141	140	99.29%
Mar-09	154	141	139	98.58%

Target for all suppliers is 96% in 30 days.

Identity and Passport Service (IPS)

IPS have recently amended its payment terms for small and medium sized suppliers (SMEs) to ten days. The following information relates to payments made in response to all invoices within 30 days for the first three months of 2009:

January	98.43%
February	95.76%
March	99.65%