



Australian Government  
Payment Times Reporting Regulator

# LIAISON FORUM

## Regulator's Update | January 2023

# WELCOME

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# THE REGULATOR

Mary Jeffries

Payment Times Reporting Regulator

Assistant Secretary,  
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# INSIGHTS

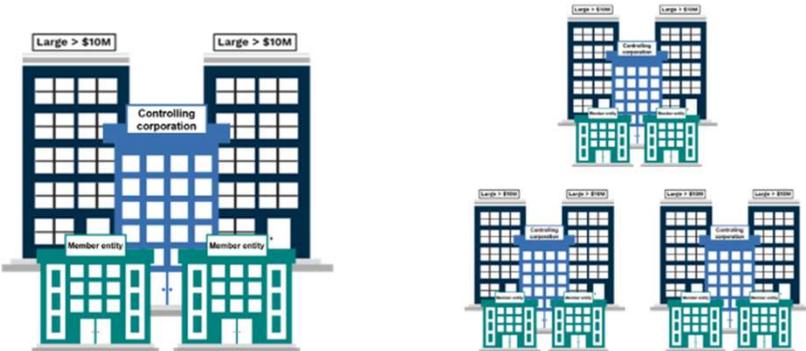
Chloe Richardson

Director, Data, IT and Communications

# REPORTS AND ENTITIES

**9,487**

Reporting entities



**6,495**  
Entities that reported as part of a group

**1,416**  
Reporting groups

**25,353**

Payment times reports published on the register



**8,513**  
2<sup>nd</sup> reporting cycle



**8,420**  
3<sup>rd</sup> reporting cycle

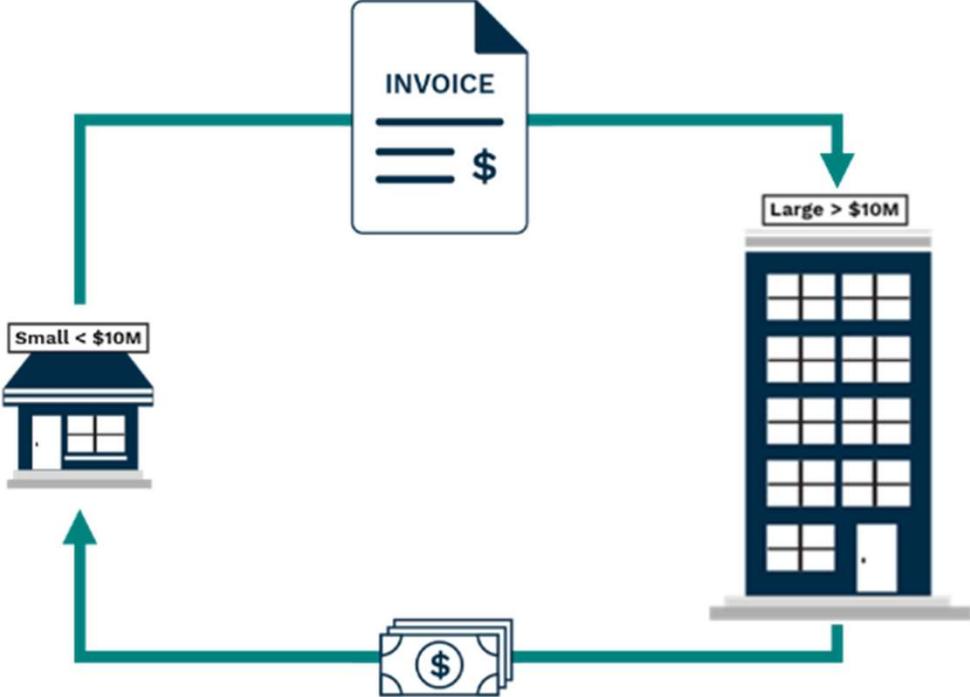


*Figures based on reports as at 31 December 2022.*

# REPORTS AND ENTITIES

**73%**

**Percentage of reporting entities that make payments to small business**



**31%**

**Percentage of average total procurement that is with small businesses**

# PAYMENT TERMS

**30**

Median payment terms  
at the END of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> reporting cycle

(calendar days)



**35.61**

Average payment terms  
at the END of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> reporting cycle

(calendar days)

**30**

Median payment terms  
at the END of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> reporting cycle

(calendar days)



**35.66**

Average payment terms  
at the END of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> reporting cycle

(calendar days)

**0**

Change in median  
payment terms across  
reporting periods

(calendar days)



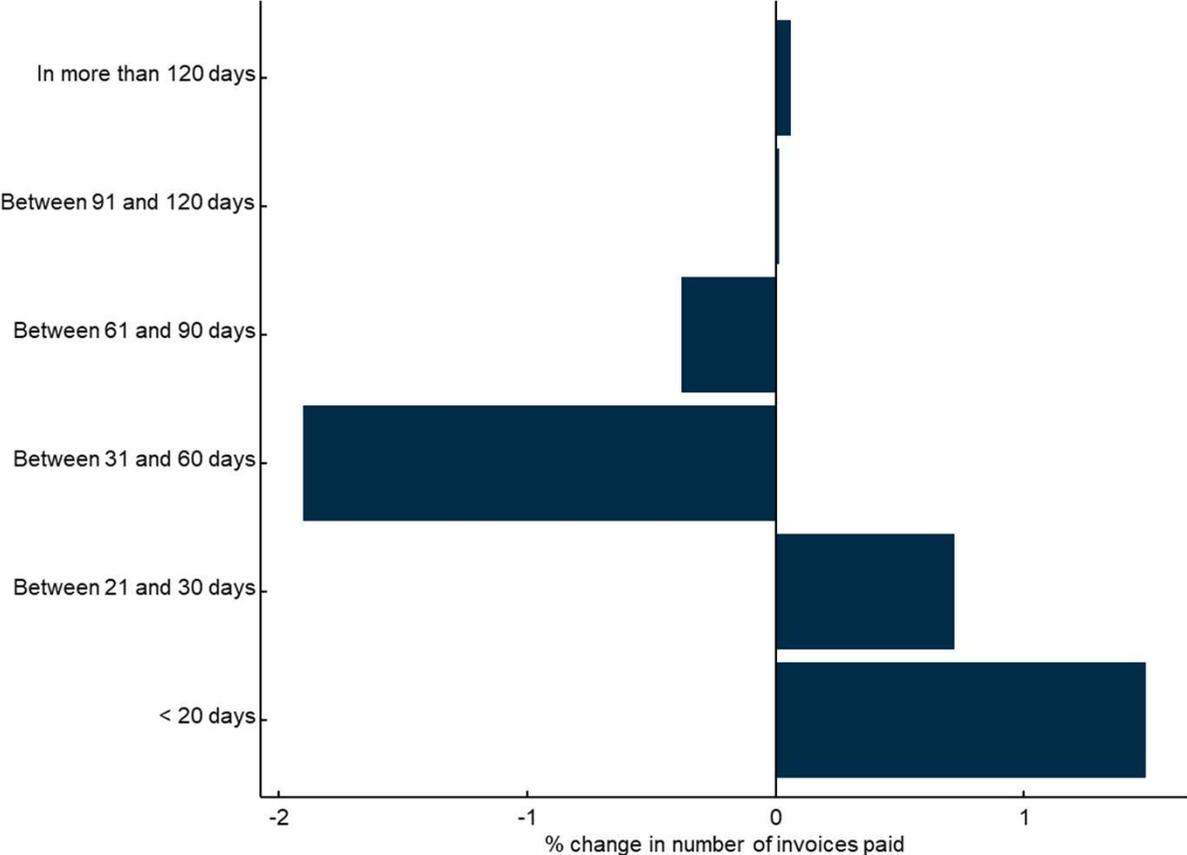
**0.05**

Change in average  
payment terms across  
reporting periods

(calendar days)

# PAYMENT TIMES

Invoices paid





# COMMUNICATIONS and ENGAGEMENT

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# COMMUNICATIONS

- Current forms of communications:
  - > Email (from: [support@paymenttimes.gov.au](mailto:support@paymenttimes.gov.au))
  - > Compliance email (from: [compliance@paymenttimes.gov.au](mailto:compliance@paymenttimes.gov.au))
  - > Payment Times Reporting website
  - > Publications, information sheets and guidance notes
  - > Liaison forums

# **POLICY AND RESOURCES UPDATES**

Carlie Beach  
Director, Policy

# POLICY AND RESOURCES UPDATES

- Updated guidance material
- Reporting entities must now refer to updated materials only
- Portal and register updates – late 2023

# COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

James Matheson  
Director, Operations

# Compliance programs

- Our focus areas for 2023:
  - > failure to submit a report
  - > improving the quality of reports
- Common reporting errors
- Targeted compliance action may be taken.
- Our approach to non-compliance is set out in [Information sheet 1: Our approach to regulation](#).

# APPLICATIONS

**818**

**Applications received**

(1 July 2022 - 31 Dec 2022)



**503**

Extension of time applications



**32**

Cease to be a reporting entity applications



**283**

Revised report applications

**10**

**Entities giving notice to volunteer**

(1 July 2022 - 31 Dec 2022)



**1,827**

**Enquiries responded to**

(1 July 2022 - 31 Dec 2022)



# QUESTIONS

# CLOSING REMARKS

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**Next forum: September 2023**

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