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Dear Gregory

I refer to your recent written Assembly Question (AQW 2225/11-15) regarding the success rate of Health and Social Care Trusts and the Health and Social Care Board in meeting the 10 day target for payment of invoices and I would advise of an amendment to my original reply.

My reply to your question reported that the number of invoices paid within 10 days in the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Trust during 2010/11 was 15,137. However, I can now advise that this figure represented the total number of invoices paid in the 2010/11 year. The correct figure for the number of invoices paid within 10 days by NIAS Trust in 2010/11 is 5,517, although the percentage figure of 36.5% is correct.

I trust this information is helpful and apologise for any confusion this error may have caused.

I have copied this letter to the Assembly Library Services for information.

Edwin Poots MLA
Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety

REVISED RESPONSE TO AQW 2225/11-15

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

ORIGINAL DATE FOR ANSWER: 5 October 2011

ORDINARY ANSWER NO: AQW 2225/11 - 15

Gregory Campbell (Londonderry East): To ask the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the success rate of (i) each Health and Social Care Trust; and (ii) the Health and Social Care Board in meeting the 10 day target for payment of invoices, other than Health and Social Care Invoices, in the (a) 2010-11 year; and (b) 2011-12 financial year to date.

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The table below shows the number of non-HSC invoices paid within 10 days and the percentage this represented of the total invoices received by each HSC Trust for 2010/11 and the five months ended 31 August 2011.

	2010-11		31 Aug 2011	
	Invoices paid within 10 days	% of total invoices received	Invoices paid within 10 days	% of total invoices received
Belfast	136,696	38.3	73,316	47.4
Northern	51,729	37.6	19,085	36.4
Southern	40,496	38.0	15,562	33.8
South Eastern	51,114	42.2	21,690	40.0
Western	54,032	54.5	23,510	56.2
N.I.A.S.	5,517	36.5	2,519	40.1

It is not possible to provide comparable information for the HSCB, as this could only be done at disproportionate cost.

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Date: 28/2/2012

Signed and approved by the Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety