

## Supplementary information for Table 1 (in paragraph 1.9) of Chapter 5

Ageing analysis of fees owed by patients  
(31 March 2006)

Overdue period	Outstanding bills (Note)		Amount (Note)	
	(Number)	(Percentage)	(\$ million)	(Percentage)
≤3 months	41,515	53%	67.8	52%
>3 to 6 months	15,038	19%	28.7	22%
>6 to 9 months	9,823	12%	14.9	11%
>9 to 12 months	5,180	7%	7.4	6%
>1 to 2 years	4,996	6%	8.4	6%
>2 to 3 years	1,226	2%	2.0	2%
>3 to 4 years	623	0.8%	0.9	0.7%
>4 to 5 years	130	0.1%	0.2	0.2%
>5 to 6 years	87	} 0.1%	} 0.1	} 0.1%
>6 to 7 years	15			
>7 to 8 years	4			
>8 to 9 years	5			
>9 to 10 years	5			
>10 to 11 years	3			
>11 to 12 years	1			
>12 to 13 years	4			
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,655</b>			
<p><i>Note: Most of the long outstanding fees (e.g. those that were outstanding for more than 3 years) had not been forwarded to the Hospital Authority Head Office (HAHO) for further action or write-off as at 31 March 2006. Audit has recommended that the Chief Executive, HA should take measures to ensure that hospitals forward unsettled cases to the HAHO in a timely manner (see paragraph 2.24 of the audit report).</i></p>				

Source: HA records

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