

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Payments to Suppliers/Contractors***

#### Request:

1. **For construction and building maintenance contracts established since 1 January 2017, have you, or will you be putting in place monitoring and reporting whether your main contractors/suppliers are paying their sub-contractors/suppliers within 30 days? *[Please choose]***
  - A) We are already monitoring and reporting that payment takes place within 30 days routinely
  - B) We will be monitoring and reporting that payment takes place within 30 days routinely
  - C) [We don't and will not be monitoring and reporting that payment takes place within 30 days](#)
  - D) If you don't know, please provide information on what policy you do pursue
  
2. **For construction and building maintenance contracts established since 1 January 2017, have you built in a contractual requirement for your suppliers to pay the suppliers directly below them in the supply chain within 30 days (or are you taking steps to apply this)? *[Please choose]***
  - A) [We have built in a contractual requirement for payment to flow through the supply chain within 30 days routinely](#)
  - B) We are taking steps to apply a contractual requirement for payment to flow through the supply chain within 30 days routinely
  - C) We have not and will not be building in a contractual requirement for payment to flow through the supply chain within 30 days
  - D) If you don't know, please provide information on what policy you do pursue
  
3. **For construction and building maintenance contracts established since 1 January 2017, do you deduct cash retentions from your main contractors/suppliers? *[Please indicate any answers that describe your current position – it could be more than one]***
  - A). We do not deduct cash retentions
  - B). [We deduct cash retentions up to 5%](#)
  - C). We deduct retention above 5%

- 4. When you regularly deduct cash retentions, do you use the cash:**  
*[Please indicate any answers that describe your current position – it could be more than one]*
- A). To bolster your working capital
  - B). To fund other construction-related activities
  - C). To fund other activities (not related to construction)
  - D). To invest in overnight money markets
  - E) OTHER: Please specify
- 5. For construction and maintenance contracts established since January 2017:**  
*[Please choose]*
- A). If you do not deduct cash retentions, do you insist that your main supplier/contractor does not deduct cash retentions from their sub-contractors/suppliers too.
  - B). You do not impose any contractual requirements on your main suppliers about cash retentions from their sub-contractors/suppliers
  - C). OTHER: Please specify