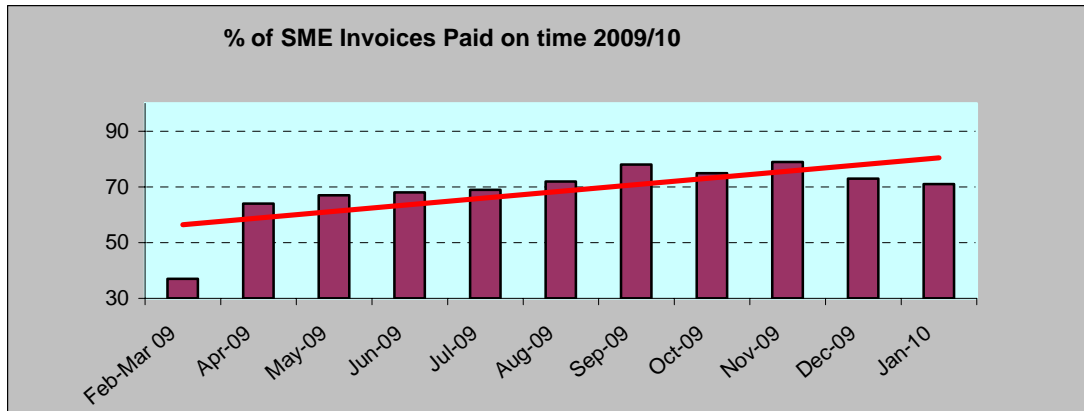


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**UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY PAYMENT INITIATIVES
TO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMEs)**

2009/10 Month	Feb-Mar 09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10
% On time	37	64	67	68	69	72	78	75	79	73	71
Paid within 10 days	8238	7874	6683	9019	8153	7946	7935	8935	8595	7948	6538
Paid within 11-20 days	4269	2023	1452	2058	1525	1529	1030	1253	802	1102	796
Paid within 21-30 days	6885	1055	753	910	938	514	440	484	453	569	557
Paid after 30 days	2626	1292	1035	1363	1167	1117	836	1235	966	1246	1273
Total Volume	22018	12244	9923	13350	11783	11106	10241	11907	10816	10865	9164



*The return to normal conditions in November- following the postal strikes- is reflected in the improved performance. However, the effects of Christmas, New Year and the prolonged adverse weather conditions may explain the drop in performance for December and January.