Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Outcome Number: Cross   **Question No: SQ15-000194**

Topic: Indexation of Grant Funding

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Senator Brown asked:

Will indexation be applied to all grants under each of the rounds in the 2014 DSS Grants rounds? If not which grants will not have indexation applied?

Answer:

Not all of the Department's spending activities have indexation applied.

Where indexation is applied, the appropriate Wage Cost Index or Consumer Price Index is determined at the budget measure level in the New Policy Proposal (NPP) Budget stage by the Department of Finance.

Each year indexation rates – and this financial year, pauses on indexation – are determined by Government at each Budget. There are 23 DSS programmes which are subject to the indexation pause (see Attachment A).

Indexation may be passed on to grant recipients at the rate at which it was received from Department of Finance on an annual basis, at the grant level.

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Attachment A

List of annual administered items subject to indexation pause

Programme	Administered item
1.4	Act of Grace Payments
2.1	Diversity and Social Cohesion (merged from the NAP and DAP from 2010-11)
2.1	Grants for Multicultural Affairs
2.1	National Accreditation Authority for Translators Ltd - contribution
2.2	PPL Communications and Evaluation
3.1	Access and Information - Making it easier to find information and services
3.1	Access and Information- Call centre
3.1	COAG - Improving ACAP Bill 1
3.4	ATSI Flex Service Model Recurrent
3.4	Greater transparency & streamlining regulation - cost for residential care ACR
3.4	HACC Planning & Development
3.4	Innovative Pool (Aged Care)
3.4	Rural & Remote Building Fund
3.4	Improving fairness and sustainability - Aged Care Financing Authority
3.5	Aged Care Workforce
3.5	Building a more skilled and flexible aged care sector
3.5	Indigenous Aged Care Workforce
3.5	Prudential Regulation
3.6	Aged Care Programme Support
3.6	Aged Care Reform Implementation Council
3.6	Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants
3.6	Promoting better practice and partnerships (ACR)
5.1	National Disability Advocacy Programme