

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 266

**Topic:** Indexation arrangements for CDEP

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**Senator Payne** asked:

Do you know what the assumed figures are, concluding that the index into wage cost index will reduce expenses by that \$9.3 million over four years? Do you have the figures for the assumed waged cost index in the CPI and the non-farm GDP deflator figures?

**Answer:**

The indexation parameters are determined by Treasury and are classified as protected information. Therefore it is not appropriate for departments to provide indexation information which relates to the forward estimates.