

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** HEPPP

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Mason

**QUESTION No.:** SI-53

For each calendar year since the start of the program, please provide the amount paid to universities per each low-SES student under the HEPPP program's Participation component. In each year, how much of that amount (in dollar terms and as a percentage) consisted of indexation?

**ANSWER**

**Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP)**  
**Participation funding paid per low socio-economic status (SES) student**

	<b>2010 \$</b>	<b>2011 \$</b>	<b>2012 \$</b>
Funding per place	541	1,077	1,606

Indexation is applied to total program funding and not to the value per place for low socio-economic status (SES) students.

The Other Grants Guidelines (Chapter 1.45.5) specifies that HEPPP funds are subject to indexation adjustment using the method set out in Part 5-6, Division 198 of the Higher Education Support Act 2003. The higher education grants index is determined annually by the Department and constitutes 25 per cent of CPI and 75 per cent of 90 per cent of the professional scientific and technical services index as published by the ABS from the December period of the immediately preceding year.