

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-05 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E285_05

Senator Carr asked the following questions on 21 June 2004 in writing.

Indexation of DEST Programmes

1. Please provide details of the makeup of all ten WCI index formulae, referred to in E740_04, including the respective weightings given to the components and also any differences in the timing of the striking of the indices (including dates), and any other relevant factors.
2. Please:
 - a. Explain the difference in timing of the striking of WCI 1 and the CAF; and
 - b. Provide detail of the respective values of these indices for the years 1995-2004.
3. Please provide detail of the timing of the striking of other indices applied to programmes in the DEST portfolio, including the BPI, AGSRC and NFGDP and any others.
4. Please provide an explanation of the factors, and the weighting of the factors, of the BPI index applied to schools capital funding.

Answer

1. Please see response to Question on Notice 270_05, Question 7
2. (a) Please see response to E270_05, Question 4.
2. (b) WCI 1 and CAF values 1995- 2004.

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
WCI 1	N/A	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.1%
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CAF	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3%

3. The AGSRC is based on financial year data that is collected and published by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) after 30 June each year. It is announced in September/October with the exact timing depending on the date of publication by MCEETYA.

The BPI is announced around September/October each year. The BPI calculations are based on the most recently published ABS catalogues ABS (6345.0 and 6427.0), which are released around 2 to 3 months after the end of the March, June, September and December quarters.

The Non-Farm GDP index is published quarterly by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on the release of the quarterly national accounts. Forecasts of the Non-Farm GDP index are distributed by the Department of Finance and Administration to departments and agencies in March, October and January each year.

4. This information has been provided in the response to Question on Notice 740_04.