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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Higher Education Group

DEST Question No. E350_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E740_04

Question:

On p.10 you set out the principles that you say underlie the Government's indexation framework. One of these is this: "*All programs with substantial wage costs should be indexed on the same basis unless a strong case can be made for different treatment.*"

Now I want to look back at an answer you provided to me in 2004.

This answer provides a list of the indexation arrangements applying to all DEST's then programs.

It shows a large number of programs that I would imagine have substantial wage costs. I can count at least fifty, at a conservative estimate. But these programs are not by any means indexed by the same mechanism – in fact I can see seven different indices applying to them.

Answer:

Policy on Indexation

See answer to Question E351_06.