

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

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

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Higher Education Group

**DEST Question No. E357\_06**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

**Question:**

Furthermore, wouldn't you agree that the last point in the extract from the ABS publication that I read out makes it clear that what you refer to as "market pressures" are also excluded?

Isn't what's going on here simply that you had predetermined the outcome of the review that you wanted, and wrote the report accordingly, without undertaking any real consideration of the various alternatives?

Did you think, possibly, that the topic of indexation was likely to make everyone's eyes glaze over? Did you expect me not to make a thorough study of your report?

**Answer:**

*Labour Price Indices*

The answer to the question of what the Labour Price Index excludes is provided in the answers to Questions Nos E354\_06 and E356\_06.

The review was conducted consistent with the terms of reference identified in Section 198-25 of the *Higher Education Support Act (HESA) 2003*.