

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 - Funding for Higher Education

#### **DEST Question No. E669\_07**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

- a) What indexation factor was applied to grants under the Higher Education Support Act in 2005 and 2006?
- b) Please specify the programs and amounts that were subject to each indexation factor?
- c) On what dates were these factors applied?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Indexation of Grants.*

- a) Appropriations for the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (section 30-5 of the Higher Education Support Act (HESA)), Commonwealth Scholarships (section 46-40 of HESA) and Other Grants (section 41-50 of HESA) are indexed by the Wage Cost Index. This has the same value as the Higher Education Indexation Factor (HEIF) which is applied to the amounts specified in section 198-5 of HESA. The HEIF is published in the Commonwealth Gazette each year. The HEIF for 2005 was published in the Commonwealth Special Gazette S220 – 22-06-2004 and the HEIF for 2006 was published in the Commonwealth Special Gazette S102 – 14-06-2005.
- b) The attached table specifies the programmes and amounts (including indexation) that have been subject to indexation.
- c) The indexation is applied on 1 January each year.

## HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT ACT 2003

### HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$'000s</b>	<b>\$'000s</b>
<b>COMMONWEALTH GRANT SCHEME</b>		
Commonwealth Grant Scheme	3066.956	3266.479
<b>COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS</b>		
Commonwealth Learning Scholarships	41.997	67.990
Indigenous Staff Scholarships	0.160	0.163
Australian Postgraduate Awards Scheme	91.180	93.121
Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships	18.115	18.459
<b>OTHER GRANTS</b>		
National Institutes Programme	164.091	170.058
Capital Development Pool Programme	57.134	74.449
Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund	7.744	18.920
Workplace Productivity Programme	46.316	74.325
Learning and Teaching Performance Fund	0.080	54.416
Higher Education Superannuation Programme	126.951	129.363
Quality Initiatives	2.165	2.368
The Carrick Institute for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education	2.87	26.375
Chair in Child Protection	1.022	1.041
Open Learning Initiative	0.252	0.257
Learned Academies Grants Programme	1.964	2.001
Indigenous Support Programme	27.088	29.314
Higher Education Disability Support Programme	6.479	6.603
Higher Education Equity Support Programme	10.823	11.028
Institutional Grants Scheme	290.591	296.113
Research Infrastructure Block Grants Scheme	182.982	199.908
Research Training Scheme	552.153	562.644
Regional Protection Scheme	3.029	3.086
Systemic Infrastructure Initiative	55.902	54.673