

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-435

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: COMMONWEALTH OWN PURPOSE PAYMENT (COPO) INDEXATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

What estimate of COPO indexation was made in preparing the Budget estimates for the 2011-12 and the forward estimates?

Answer:

The current indexation arrangements, which have been in place since 1996, take into account movement in wage costs and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Department of the Treasury should be contacted for further information regarding the application of indexation.