

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:** BET 33

**Topic:** Indexation of Schools and Hospitals

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**Senator:** Wong

**Question:**

33. Senator WONG: Firstly, the reduction in the indexation to schools and hospitals is the centrepiece, really, of this budget. When did you become aware of that decision?

Dr Parkinson: Mr Ray is here.

Senator WONG: I am asking you personally.

**Answer:**

33. Dr Parkinson was made aware of the Cabinet decision to index Commonwealth funding for schools and public hospitals in the course of the Budget process.