

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Administered Program Indexation Pause – two year extension

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

1. Was Finance involved in the decision to continue the pause on indexation for 78 out of the 112 programs that had their indexation paused in the 2014-15 Budget?
2. If so, can the Department explain why 78 programs were chosen? Why not all of the 112 programs? Why not more or less?

**Answer:**

1. The 2015-16 Budget measure *Administered Programme Indexation Pause — two year extension* was developed as part of the normal budget process involving the Department of Finance.
2. For this 2015-16 Budget measure, 34 programmes were excluded from the original 112 programmes in the 2014-15 Budget measure *Administered Programme Indexation Pause* because they were:
  - terminating or had no funding over the pause period;
  - subject to separate processes in the budget context; or
  - national security or family relationship services programmes which were given increased priority.