

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E343_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Why did you include that sentence on p.5, expressed in this way? Did you intend to mislead, or was it a mistake? Didn't Treasury and Finance look over this paper? Did they give it the okay – including that sentence?

Answer:

Safety Net Adjustment

As indicated in the answer to E338_06, the *Review of Indexation Arrangements in the Higher Education Sector* noted that “the growth in [higher education] wage costs . . . is broadly comparable to growth in the SNA“. The comparison was provided in order to provide some context for the rate of growth in wage costs. No link between the two measures was suggested.