

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Higher Education Group

DEST Question No. E355_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Isn't it the case, as the AVCC asserts, that this series of indices was developed expressly for the purpose of indexing Commonwealth grants? That was certainly what the previous Labor Government said at the time the new indices was going to be applied to Commonwealth funding, and the use of the SNA was a temporary measure until the new indices were finalised.

Is that your understanding?

Answer:

Indexation

The current indexation arrangements were agreed by the present Government in 1997.