

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. E358_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) What do you think of the comment made by former Higher Education Division head, David Phillips, as reported in Campus Review of 27 April 2005? Mr Phillips is reported to have said, *“It appears to have always been pre-determined.”*
- b) He went on to say, *“This indexation pressure keeps driving down the relative value of Commonwealth funding year after year after year.”*
- c) Would you agree that it does?

Answer:

Campus Review 27/4/05, p. – The opinion of Mr David Phillips

- a) The outcome of the review was not pre-determined. The Government considered the findings of the review report.
- b) & c) The Government accepted the review’s findings that the current indexation arrangements are appropriate.