

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

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**Senator Sherry asked:**

At least can you give me a list of the different indices? What are they, and what is their application to various departments and programs?

**Answer:**

A list of the main indices used by the Australian Government to index departmental and programme funding is below.

- Wage Cost Indices

Wage Cost Indices (WCIs) are weighted indices measuring changes in wage and non-wage costs. There is a range of WCIs in use, each with a different weighting of wage and non-wage costs.

- Average Weekly Earnings

- Consumer Price Index

- Non-Farm GDP Deflator

Information on which specific indices are applied to particular areas of expenditure is for the internal use of the government and is not publicly released.