

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Senator Sherry asked:

Is the bulk of the public sector on one index? What is the index and where are the exceptions?

Answer:

About two-thirds of departmental expenditure is indexed to Wage Cost Index 3, with much of the remaining expenditure indexed to Wage Cost Index 6. The use of these indices reflects the proportion of wage and non-wage costs in each agency's departmental expenditure.

Comprehensive information on indices that cover departmental expenditure, identifying the specific indices applied, is agency/department information for the internal use of the government and is not publicly released.