



State Budget 2008/09 Information Sheet

Investing in Our Strengths

WACOSS calls for recognition of the value of the Third Sector. We advocate for new funding frameworks that will recognize and reward the real and full costs of operations. This requires increased core funding. In rural, remote and regional areas, agencies should be adequately remunerated with reference to a regional price index. Recommendations focus on workforce planning, indexation and a uniform chart of accounts

WACOSS' Recommendations	Budget Outcome & Comments
<p>The Future of our Workforce: funding to implement workforce development strategies</p>	<p>The Government, through the Human Services Industry Roundtable has been researching workforce recruitment and retention strategies. No apparent Government funding commitment.</p>
<p>Indexation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - called for 2.7% in back-pay for the past 3 years - application of consistent calculations - an adjustment payment at the end of the financial year to match actual figures 	<p>Indexation for 08-09 is 4.35%.</p> <p>Back-payments will not be added to the base for calculating the amount.</p> <p>The Government has agreed to a clear process for calculating indexation.</p>
<p>Budgeting for Rural, Regional and Remote areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reintroduction of monitoring a regional price index - non-metro agencies adequately remunerated 	<p>No apparent Government funding commitment.</p>
<p>A Uniform Chart of Accounts: work together to adopt and fund training to introduce throughout the sector</p>	<p>The Government, through the Human Services Industry Roundtable has been working toward the introduction of a Standard Chart of Accounts. No funding was earmarked in this budget for training or implementation.</p>