The Western Australian Government Indexation Policy for the Non-Government Human Services Sector 2008 (Indexation Policy) is applicable to service agreements for community services undertaken in accordance with the Delivering Community Services in Partnership (DCSP) Policy. From 1 July 2019, the indexation rate for service agreements is based on a 20% weighting of the Perth Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus an 80% weighting of the Western Australian Wage Price Index (WPI), which has resulted in an overall increase in the indexation rate for non-government community services.

The 2019-20 indexation rate is 1.47%. The price index used is the latest available actual data for the Perth CPI and Western Australian WPI as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Indexation Policy applies to service agreements between State Government public authorities and not-for-profit community services service providers for the purchase of community services. Where service agreements are part-funded by the Commonwealth Government, the Indexation Policy applies to the State Government funded component of these service agreements. Where service agreements have pricing frameworks designed to facilitate individualised funding agreements, the Indexation Policy applies to the unit prices or similar pricing mechanisms.

The Indexation Policy does not apply to grant agreements or arrangements not for community services as defined by the DCSP Policy.

Please contact FaCS for queries regarding the Indexation Policy.
Procurement Practice Consultation Forum

On Friday 14 June, the Procurement Reform Working Group (PRWG) hosted a consultation forum with the not-for-profit community services sector to discuss procurement practice. The PRWG, a working group of the Supporting Communities Forum, presented a draft report outlining the key elements of good procurement practice, barriers to good practice and capability gaps, and strategies to strengthen procurement practice. Thirty-five representatives from community services organisations attended the consultation forum, and raised important considerations for the PRWG to include in the report, as well as several points on procurement practice as a whole for the PRWG to discuss further. The PRWG presented the draft Good Procurement Practices Report and feedback from the consultation forum to the Supporting Communities Forum on 24 June.

FaCS and the PRWG would like to thank all the attendees of the consultation forum for sharing their time and knowledge. Keep an eye on the Supporting Communities Forum website for a link to the Report.

100 Families Project

The 100 Families WA project, launched in May 2018, is a collaborative research project between eight not-for-profit community organisations and the University of Western Australia. It provides an in-depth understanding of the lived experience of WA’s most disadvantaged families. The study so far has found that of the most disadvantaged families, 80 percent did not have stable access to nutritious food. Often adults sacrificed their own nutrition needs to ensure their children were fed. A report of the study’s baseline findings is due to be released in August.

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Education and Training Opportunities

FaCS runs a range of workshops to assist government agencies and service providers to develop their skills and capabilities in community services procurement. Please take note of the target audience for each workshop to ensure the content is relevant to you.

**Tendering for Community Services – Regional workshops**

This workshop provides practical skills and knowledge to assist not-for-profit organisations in tendering for community services. It covers a brief overview of the DCSP Policy and how it applies to community services procurement, the community services procurement process, service agreement management, the request document and how to respond to it with an offer to provide services, and how offers are assessed for a community service. Please note a minimum of ten registrations will be required to proceed with the regional workshops.

**Broome – Wednesday 7 August 2019**
Cost: Free
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Location: Broome Lotteries House, Hall 2 | 620 Cable Beach Road

**Geraldton – Wednesday 14 August 2019**
Cost: Free
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Location: Geraldton Multipurpose Centre, 254 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

**Bunbury – Thursday 29 August 2019**
Cost: Free
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Location: Koombana Room | Quality Hotel Lighthouse, 2 Marlston Drive, Bunbury

You can find further details for all FaCS training on the community services sector training page of the [Department of Finance website](http://www.fin.gov.au).
From the Stable Door
Update from FaCS Director, Kate Ingham

June has been a busy month for FaCS, and for me personally. The FaCS team has worked hard to support the Supporting Communities Forum Procurement Reform Working Group by developing the Good Procurement Practices report, holding the Procurement Practice Review Consultation Forum, and developing new, simplified co-design resources for the Co-design Project. I’m proud of my team and how much they have achieved in this space.

We’ve recently provided assistance and guidance for several service agreements where relationships between government agencies and service providers haven’t been working as well as either party would like. Please remember that government and service providers are to work as true partners, with a relationship of mutual trust and respect, and with a focus on service recipients. If you’re struggling to work together in partnership, FaCS can support you to strengthen your relationship in line with the DCSP Policy.

Behind the scenes, work continues on updating our website to be more functional and user-friendly. We know you’ll all appreciate a website that’s easier to use, and written in plain English!

At the end of May, a group of twenty four community services procurement practitioners, including several FaCS and Social Procurement Initiatives team members as well as representatives from the Department of Communities, Mental Health Commission and Department of Health, completed the International Association for Public Participation Certificate of Engagement. This provides participants with a formal qualification in stakeholder engagement – something that is increasingly relevant to community services procurement, with our focus on co-design! We look forward to seeing the co-design and stakeholder engagement processes these practitioners undertake for their government agencies with their newfound knowledge.

I’ve been lucky enough to spend three weeks travelling with horses to Melbourne for the International Three Day Event. While I didn’t achieve the result I had hoped for, the event was a huge success and I was thrilled that my favourite orange horse did so well after having had some health issues over the past six months. Driving across the Nullarbor with four horses was much more fun than it sounds, and Andrew Davy did a fantastic job taking care of my team while I was away.