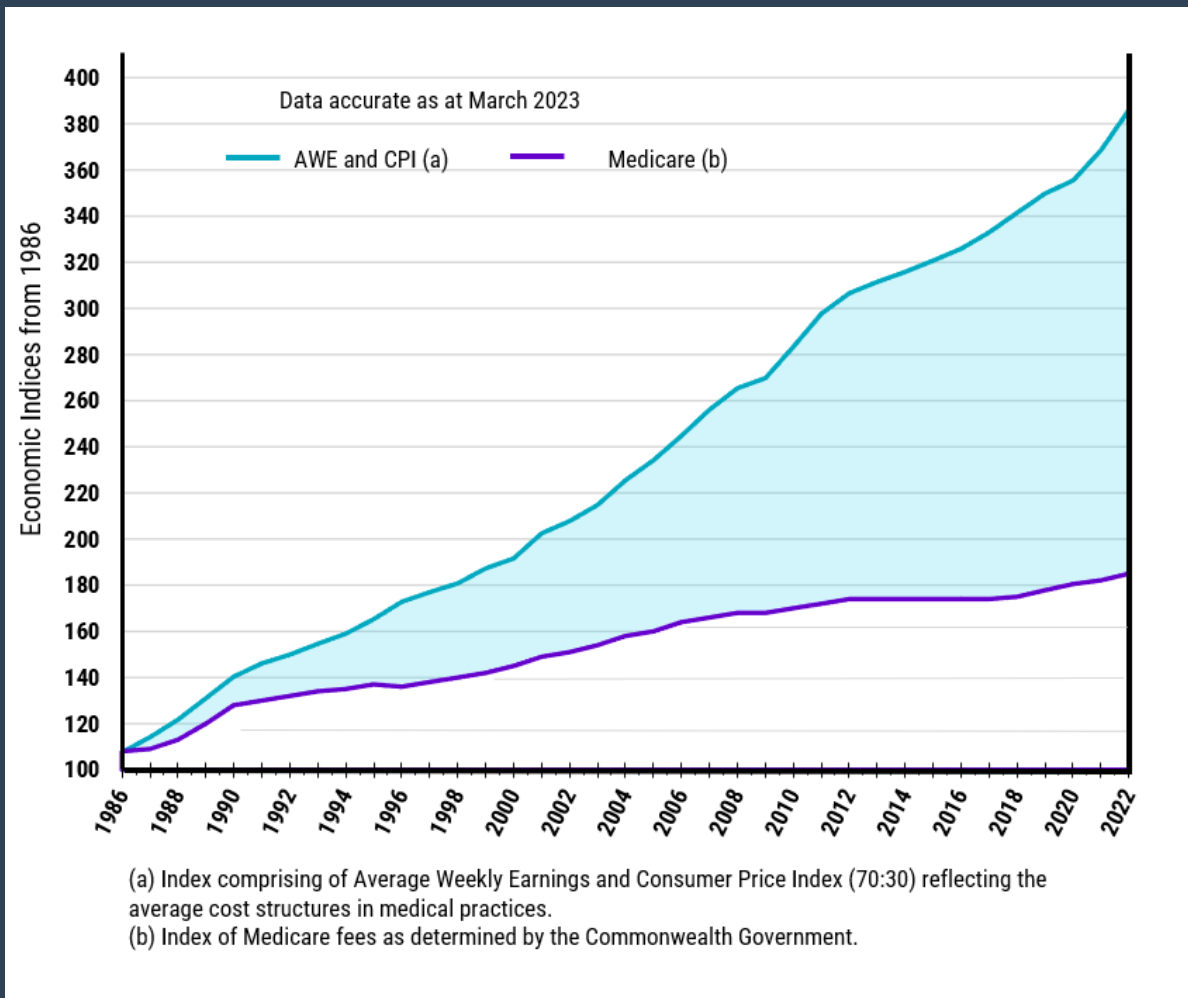


# Why is there a gap?



Government's indexation of Medicare rebates has never kept pace with the rising cost of medical practice. On average AWE and CPI increase by 3% per year. Practice costs rise by a similar amount. It should be noted however in 2022 AWE and CPI increased by a combined average of around 6%.

Medicare rebates only increased between 1.2% to 2.5% from 1995 to 2012 – noting that all pathology and most diagnostic imaging services received no indexation during this period.

From 2012-2017 almost all MBS rebates were frozen with no indexation. Indexation only recommenced in 2017, when GP bulk-billing incentives were indexed at 1.4% and then from 2019-2022 with GP standard attendances and specialist consultations indexed at 1.6%, 1.5%, 0.9% and 1.6% (respectively).

This is why your Medicare rebate is worth less every year.

**Concerned? Talk to your local Federal MP.**



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