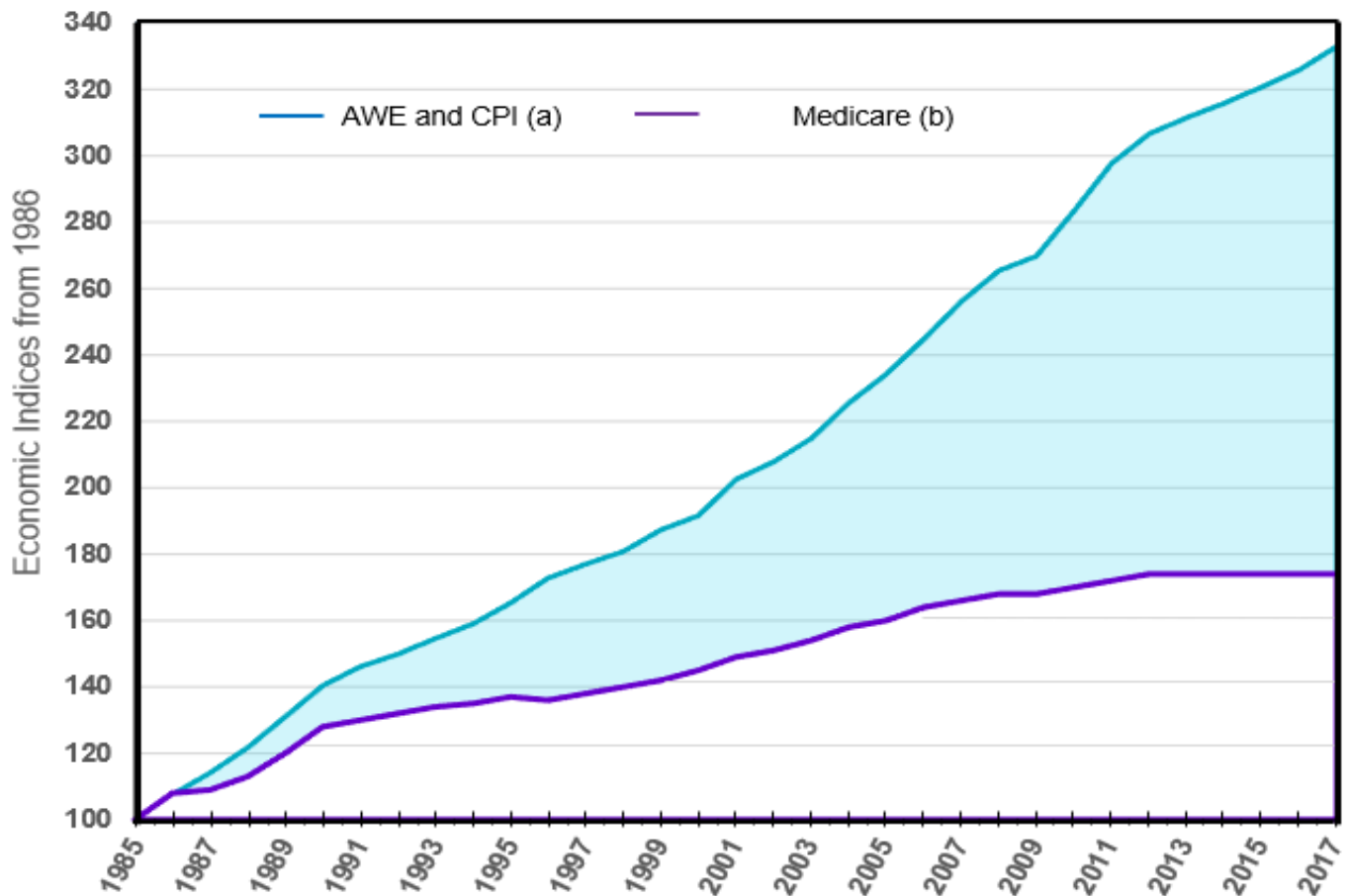


# Why is there a gap?



(a) Index comprising of Average Weekly Earnings and Consumer Price Index (70:30) reflecting the average cost structures in medical practices.

(b) Index of Medicare fees as determined by the Commonwealth Government.

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 the same amount. Medicare rebates only increased by 1% on average per year.

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

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



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