

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 80

**Topic:** Workplace assessments

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

- 1) How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?
  - a. List each item of expenditure and cost
- 2) Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?
  - a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

**Answer:**

The Department has spent \$19,180 on workplace ergonomic assessments, during the period 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014. Over 40 per cent of assessments resulted in changes to set up. Invoices are recorded in the Department's financial management system without itemised costs associated with the assessment, travel and reporting.

Equipment purchasing is undertaken by individual sections and therefore the itemised equipment and costs cannot be readily sourced. Changes to set up were limited to the purchase of ergonomic chairs, sit-stand desks, foot rest, IT equipment and document holders.