

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes Question No: SQ16-000075

Topic: Workplace Assessments

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Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?
 - 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?
3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

Answer:

1. The Department has spent \$47,536.55 (excluding GST) on workplace ergonomic assessments for the period 1 September 2015-31 January 2016.
 - a. This figure covers the cost associated with the assessment, travel, report and equipment for the workplace ergonomic assessments conducted for the period noted above.
2. Yes, all assessments had recommendations for set up alterations, ie desk and chair height, and/or monitor set up. Some assessments conducted during the outlined timeframe recommended new workplace equipment which was limited to the purchase of ergonomic chairs, sit/stand desks, foot rests, document holders and IT Assistive technology such as ergonomic mice and keyboards.
3. To answer this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.