

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Social Services Portfolio
2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 870

Topic: Workplace Assessments

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Senator Ludwig asked:

How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?

1. 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 \$71,645 (excluding GST) on workplace ergonomic assessments, during the period 7 September 2013 to 27 June 2014.
2. Fifty six per cent of assessments conducted during the outlined timeframe resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up.
3. Changes were limited to the purchase of ergonomic chairs, sit-stand desks, foot rests, document holders and IT Assistive technology such as ergonomic mice and keyboards.
To answer this question in more detail would require a significant diversion of resources.