

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Workstation assessments

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

Answer:

- a) Workstation ergonomic assessments are used to prevent work related injuries. The department provides information, instruction and training to all employees to enable them to use a workstation safely and to enable the department to meet its duty of care under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.
 - 1) To provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- b) To provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- c) To provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.