

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Workplace Assessments

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 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?
 - a) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.

Answer:

1. From information recorded in the Department of Health's financial management system, for the period 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014, a total of \$15,516.87 (GST exclusive) can be identified as costs associated with workplace ergonomic assessments required under the Department's 19 March 2014 Workplace Health and Safety Policy Statement, to assist the Department and its responsible officers in meeting their obligations under the *Work Health Safety Act 2011*.

1a), 2 and 2a) Individual records for each item of expenditure are retained on paper files. To review files and record de-identified information about individual expenditure items will cause an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.