Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: SBT 139-141

Topic: Workplace Assessments

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

Answer:

139. The Treasury applies the principles of reasonable adjustment to all staff, which includes providing staff with workplace ergonomic assessments. The majority of assessments are conducted internally by trained Treasury staff, however, where required, an external provider may be engaged to conduct an assessment.

140 and 141.

Yes. Consistent with the requirements of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, the Treasury is committed to providing a safe workplace. Staff are supported through the principles of reasonable adjustment, including the purchase of ergonomic equipment.