

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: Treasury

Question: BT 150-151

Topic: Non-Conventional Therapies

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since 7 September 2013:

150. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc.) If yes:
- a) What is the process by which these therapies can be approved?
 - b) Who are they available to?
 - c) Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc.)?
151. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes:
- a) What therapies have been provided?
 - b) What were they used to treat?
 - c) What was the cost of the therapy?

Answer:

150 (a), (b) and (c)

Treasury's rehabilitation framework provides assistance to all staff who are injured or who are coping with illness.

Support for medical treatment recommended by the staff member's treating medical practitioner is considered on a case-by-case basis under the Treasury's rehabilitation framework.

151 (a), (b) and (c)

Treasury's rehabilitation framework is only applicable to Treasury staff.