

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM0247_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Workplace Assessments

"1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? 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? 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes "

Answer

From 7 September 2013 to 31 May 2014, the Fair Work Ombudsman has spent a total of \$37,692.83 on 131 workplace ergonomic assessments. All the assessments resulted in a change to the set-up of work stations. There were no charges in relation to the changes made to workplace equipment setup as these were actioned immediately by the assessor.

New workplace equipment was recommended in relation to 86 of the assessments.

The costs associated with new equipment were:

Type of equipment	Number	Cost (\$)
Workstation	5	8021.07
Keyboard	7	767.68
Mouse	9	1,393.45
Chair	23	9,890.74
Document Holder	1	149.55
Wrist Rest	1	29.50
Leg Rest	1	336.36
Foot Rest	1	64.55
Arm Rest	1	151.82
Other	1	631.45
TOTAL	50	\$21,436.17