

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM1029_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Non-Conventional Therapies

"Since 7 September 2013: 1. 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)? 2. 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

1. The FWO does not provide financial assistance for any non-conventional therapies.
2. No.