

Question: 25
Topic: Workplace assessments
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Senator LUDWIG asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

1. 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?
3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

Answer

All new employees are provided a workstation assessment upon commencement. Existing employees are provided with a workstation assessment upon request. Generally, workstation assessments are performed by trained employees in the department. Since 4 June 2014, \$450 was spent on training for these employees.

An external provider is used with more problematic assessments or where employees have particular concerns or injuries. The department paid \$921 to an external provider to perform workstation assessments since 4 June 2014.

The costs of items associated with the workstation assessments performed are below.

Item	Cost
Footrests	\$98
Keyboards	\$138
Headsets	\$726
Document holders	\$1,436
Mouse/keyboard wrist pads	\$84
Chairs	\$2,386
Monitor arms	\$68
Monitor rise	\$39
Lumbar support cushions	\$27

One new sit/stand workstation has been procured as a result of a workplace assessment. The cost to the department was approximately \$3,000.