

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/221) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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

Answer

- a. For the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, The Portfolio spent a total of \$88,747.23 on the delivery of 225 ergonomic workstation assessments.
 - (I) The cost of each ergonomic assessment averages between \$200 to \$450 and includes the workstation assessment and preparation of a detailed report. It does not include the cost of any additional equipment recommended in the report (i.e. chairs, desks, keyboards etc.).
- b. Workstation assessments are used to assist a worker with a disability, and they are also used as preventative measure in particular types of work. These assessments can result in recommendations to the workstation set-up, or additional workplace equipment, to mitigate potential health and safety risks.
 - a. The Portfolio's finance system does not separately record this information. To do so would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.