

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

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Department of Employment Question No. EM0439_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

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

Answer

The department routinely arranges ergonomic assessments to prevent workplace injury and provide reasonable adjustments to employees as required. Outcomes of these assessments include adjustments to existing equipment, the provision of new equipment, or changes to the work environment or work practices. As assessments are arranged and paid for by local areas within the department, this information is not captured at an agency level and any attempt to provide the requested detail for each ergonomic assessment would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.