

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Workplace Assessments

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig Joe

Question:

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:

1. From information recorded in the Department of Health's financial management system, a total of \$30,827 can be identified as costs associated with workplace ergonomic assessments for the period from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014.
 - a) Individual records for each item of expenditure are retained on paper files and contain personal information about departmental employees. To review files and record de-identified information about individual expenditure items will cause an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. See answer to 1. above.
 - a) See answer to part 1.a) above.