

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of the Senate**

**Budget Estimates**

**26-30 May 2014**

**Question: 37**

**Topic: Workplace assessments**

**Written: 12 June 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

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:**

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 employees of the department.

An external provider is used with more problematic assessments or where employees have particular concerns or injuries. The department has paid \$735 to an external provider to perform workstation assessments since 7 September 2013.

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Sit/stand workstation	\$3,827
Footrests	\$312
Keyboards	\$372
Headsets	\$451
Document holders	\$1,082
Mouse/keyboard wrist pads	\$755
Chairs	\$2,877
Desk lozenge	\$92