

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Workplace Assessments

**Question reference number:** HS 97

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

- a) How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?
  - 1) 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?
  - 1) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.

#### **Answer:**

- a) Workstation ergonomic assessments are used sparingly to prevent work related injuries. The department provides information, instruction and training to all employees to enable them to use a workstation safely and to enable the department to meet its duty of care under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- b) To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.