

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 84

Topic: Workplace assessments

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?
 - 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?
3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.

Answer:

1. The Department has spent \$35,007.59 (excluding GST) on workplace ergonomic assessments during the period 4 June 2014 up to 31 August 2014.
 - a. The costs noted above cover the costs associated with the assessment, travel and report for workplace ergonomic assessments, conducted during the outlined timeframe.
2. Yes, all assessments had recommendations for set up alterations. This included desk and chair height and monitor adjustments. Forty one per cent of all assessments conducted during the outlined timeframe recommended new workplace equipment which was limited to the purchase of ergonomic chairs, sit/stand desks, foot rests, document holders and IT Assistive technology such as ergonomic mice and keyboards.
3. To answer this question would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.