

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 656**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Workplace assessments**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? 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. For the period prior to 1 February 2014, refer to answer to Question on Notice 390 for the Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014. From 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014, a total of \$991.65 (GST excl) has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments. The details of those costs are as follows:

<b>Type of assessment</b>	
Workstation assessment	\$694.16
Workstation assessment	\$297.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$991.66</b>

2. Where it is considered that the risk of a workplace injury to an employee would be reduced by a change in the equipment or set-up, reasonable adjustments are implemented, the following table specifies the equipment purchased and the associated cost from 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014 for assessments not related to a disability.
3. Items

<b>Items Purchased</b>	
Ergonomic workstation equipment	\$585.45
Ergonomic workstation equipment	\$742.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,328.18</b>