

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 30**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Workplace assessments**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?
  1. 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 from 1 May 2014 to 31 October 2014, a total of \$2,819.58(GST excl) has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments. The details of these costs are as follows:

<b>Type of assessment</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Workstation assessment	\$320.32
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Workstation assessment	\$350.05
Workstation assessment	\$350.05
Workstation assessment	\$448.00
Workstation assessment	\$360.47
Workstation assessment	\$350.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,819.58</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 May 2014 to 31 October 2014 for assessments not related to a disability.

3. Items purchased:

<b>Items Purchased</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ergonomic workstation equipment	\$457.27
Ergonomic workstation equipment	\$135.00
Ergonomic workstation equipment	\$958.19
Ergonomic workstation equipment	\$585.45
Ergonomic workstation equipment	\$149.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,284.93</b>