

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?

- a. 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?
- c. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

Answer:

Department of the Environment

- a. \$22,063.88 was spent on external consultants for 46 workplace ergonomic assessments at an average of \$479.65 per assessment.

In addition 27 assessments were completed by Departmental staff.

- b. All assessments resulted in changes to workplace set up and an estimated 99 per cent result in equipment purchases.
- c.

Equipment	Cost
Ergatron Sit Stand stations x 18	\$9,976.00
Sit Stand Desks x 15	\$23,015.00
Ergonomic Chairs x 3	\$1,939.95
TOTAL	\$ 34,930.95

Other items purchased as a result of workstation assessments are handled directly in work areas and are not captured centrally.

Bureau of Meteorology

\$12,688

a.

151 workplace ergonomic assessments, including 11 home based work assessments, conducted by a Bureau Work Health and Safety Officer as part of routine duties	Performed as part of the routine duties no additional cost.
12 workplace ergonomic assessments by external provider	\$5510

b. Yes. Equipment (proactive – non-injury)

c.

Chairs x 5	\$2616
Chair and micro desk x 1	\$835
Specialist Mouse x 2	\$270
Gel mouse pads x 20	\$647
Specialist Keyboards x 4	\$615
Footrests x 6	\$535
Ergotron Sit/stand desks x 2	\$1660
Total	\$7,178

Clean Energy Regulator

The Clean Energy Regulator spent \$9,288 (GST inclusive) on workplace ergonomic assessments from 1 May 2014 to 30 September 2014.

- a. 31 workplace ergonomic assessments were conducted at an average of \$300 each.
- b. On the completion of the assessments, the Clean Energy Regulator is provided with recommendations for changes to the workstation, including any special equipment required.
- c. The Clean Energy Regulator does not record these expenses in a way that would readily allow more detailed answers to be provided.

Climate Change Authority

None

- a. Not applicable.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

None

- a. Not applicable.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

- a. The amount spent on workplace ergonomic assessments between 1 May 2014 and 30 September 2014 was \$6,006 (GST inclusive).
- b. Yes.
- c.

Office Chairs	\$5,832.89
Keyboards	\$4,615.07
Mouse/pointing devices	\$1,378.00
Headsets	\$2,309.04
Wrist Rests	\$121.01
Keyboard Rests	\$72.00
Document Holders	\$323.99
Footrests	\$745.00
Sit-to-Stand Desks	\$13,420.00
TOTAL INCLUDING GST	\$28,817.00

National Water Commission

None

- a. Not applicable.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

None

- a. Not applicable.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.