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**Question: AET 491-492**

**Topic: Workplace Assessments (ACCC)**

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**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

491. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?
- a. List each item of expenditure and cost
492. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?
- a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

**Answer:**

491. \$8,231.
- a. There were 36 workstation assessments completed. The cost of each assessment varied between \$145 and \$320. The variation in the cost of the assessment is due to the differing levels of complexity and detail involved in the assessment.

The table below summarises all transactions involving the purchase of workstation assessments.

<b>Number of Assessments</b>	<b>Cost per Assessment</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
3	\$170	\$510
1	\$320	\$320
1	\$320	\$320
1	\$270	\$270
1	\$270	\$270
1	\$270	\$270
1	\$320	\$320
5	\$155	\$775
1	\$320	\$320
1	\$320	\$320
1	\$320	\$320
1	\$306	\$306
1	\$320	\$320

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1	\$170	\$170
1	\$320	\$320
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1	\$170	\$170
4	\$145	\$580
1	\$320	\$320
1	\$320	\$320
4	\$145	\$580
1	\$170	\$170
1	\$320	\$320
1	\$320	\$320
<b>36</b>		<b>\$8,231</b>

492. It is not possible to determine those assessments that related to an existing disability. Assessments are arranged in response to reported symptoms; the symptoms may or may not relate to a pre-existing condition. The table below shows details of items of expenditure resulting from workstation assessments.

Item Description	Number of Items	Total Cost
Desk furniture	2	\$100
Document holder	8	\$868
Ergonomic keyboard	8	\$1,323
Ergonomic office chair	7	\$3,510
Footrest	2	\$70
Microdesk	4	\$475
Monitor Riser	2	\$126
On desk sit/stand unit	8	\$5,720
Vertical mouse	4	\$493
Wireless headset	3	\$915
Wrist support	1	\$45
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$13,645</b>