

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Department / Agency: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Question: BET 1350-1352

Topic: Workplace Assessments

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

1350. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?

a. List each item of expenditure and cost

1351. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?

1352. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

Answer:

1350. \$8,586.00.

a. There were 46 workstation assessments completed between 7 September 2013 and 24 June 2014. The cost of each assessment varied between \$145 and \$385. 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.

Number of Assessments	Cost (\$) per Assessment	Total (\$) Cost
3	170	510
1	385	385
1	320	320
1	320	320
1	170	170
1	320	320
1	170	170
1	320	320
4	145	580
1	320	320
1	170	170

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1	320	320
1	320	320
1	320	320
1	170	170
2	306	612
3	170	510
1	145	145
1	320	320
1	270	270
3	270	810
1	170	170
1	320	320
1	170	170
1	170	170
1	320	320
1	320	320
1	270	270
46		\$8,586

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1351 and 1352.

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
Document holder	8	\$325
Ergonomic keyboard	8	\$1,323
Ergonomic mouse	11	\$1,355
Ergonomic office chair	6	\$3,008
Footrest	3	\$105
Microdesk	4	\$475
Monitor Riser	1	\$63
On desk sit/stand unit	13	\$9,295
Wireless headset	5	\$1,525
Wrist support	2	\$90
		\$17,564