

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
Supplementary Budget Estimates  
2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: ABS**

**Question: SBT451-452**

**Topic: Non-conventional Therapies**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

451. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc)  
If yes:
- a) What is the process by which these therapies can be approved?
  - b) Who are they available to?
  - c) Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)?
452. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes:
- a) What therapies have been provided?
  - b) What were they used to treat?
  - c) What was the cost of the therapy?

**Answer:**

451. ABS does not have a policy of providing non-conventional therapies for staff. HR Services are not provided to Ministerial staff by the ABS.
452. No, ABS has not paid for non-conventional therapy for staff. HR Services are not provided to Ministerial staff by the ABS.