

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000276**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***Workplace assessments***

**Question**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?  
(a) 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. Between 14 September 2015 and 22 February 2016 186 workplace ergonomic assessments have been conducted for employees of the Department of Education and Training. Payment for these assessments is devolved to line areas. Accordingly, it would be an unreasonable allocation of resources to provide specific information as to costs.
2. Responsibility for changes to workplace equipment and set up following a workplace ergonomic assessment is devolved to line areas, so providing this information would be an unreasonable allocation of resources.
3. Payment for workplace equipment is devolved to line areas. Accordingly, it would be an unreasonable allocation of resources to provide a list of each item of expenditure and the cost of the item.