

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000414

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Workplace Assessments

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

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?
 1. 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

The department routinely arranges ergonomic assessments to prevent workplace injury and provide reasonable adjustments to employees as required. Outcomes of these assessments include adjustments to existing equipment, the provision of new equipment, or changes to the work environment or work practices. As assessments are arranged and paid for by local areas within the department, this information is not captured at an agency level and any attempt to provide the requested detail for each ergonomic assessment would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.