

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency – Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000581

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

FWO - 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

From 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Fair Work Ombudsman has spent \$16,832.89 on 263 workplace ergonomic assessments. All of the assessments resulted in a change to the set-up of work stations. There were no charges in relation to the changes made to workplace equipment setup as these were actioned immediately by the assessor.

New ergonomic workplace equipment was recommended in relation to 29 of the assessments.

It is noted that 221 of the 263 workplace ergonomic assessments were arranged in response to a relocation of buildings in our Sydney office to ensure correct ergonomic set up, and instruction on appropriate use of new equipment, purchased as part of the fit out. These 221 assessments accounted for \$8,198.00 of the \$16,832.89.

The following new workplace equipment was purchased due to recommendations from workplace assessments:

Type of Equipment	Number	Cost (\$)
Microdesk	4	\$506
Chair	9	\$4140
Workstation	9	\$19 800
Headset	2	\$790
Mouse	6	\$870
Wrist rest	3	\$105
Mouse pad	3	\$29
Corner converter	1	\$58
Document holder	5	\$506
Footrest	13	\$1144
Writing angle	1	\$202
Desktop monitor stand	2	\$154
Single monitor arm	1	\$189
Laptop raiser	1	\$150
Numeric keypad	1	\$82
Keyboard	6	\$792
TOTAL	68	\$ 29 517

