

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0450\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Dept & All Agencies: Workplace assessments**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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**

**Department** details of workplace ergonomic assessments and expenditure are not held centrally as management of workplace ergonomic assessments has been devolved to line areas. It would be an unreasonable use of resources to determine expenditure across the department.

The **Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA)** has provided the following response:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?  
\$260 has been spent on ergonomic assessments

a) List each item of expenditure and cost

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Ergonomic assessment	\$260

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

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Ergonomic mouse/keyboard	\$368.50

The **Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)** provides the following response.

1. Seven assessments at no cost
2. Yes, five assessments identified the need for particular workplace equipment
3. Total \$480.95 for ergonomic equipment
  - i. Back support x 1 = \$47.55
  - ii. Chair gas lift extension x 1 = \$121.00
  - iii. Foot rest x 2 = \$188.10
  - iv. Evoluent Keyboard x 1 = \$124.30

The **Australian Research Council (ARC)** has provided the following response:

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?	\$1,192.62
a) List each item of expenditure and cost.	Workstation Assessment \$310.31 Workstation Assessment \$203.06 Workstation Assessment \$261.69 Workstation Assessment \$143.00 Workstation Assessment \$274.56
2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?	Yes
3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Switch mouse \$120.00 Ergonomic Keyboard \$110.00 Varidesk Sit/stand module Pro \$439.73 4 x Varidesk Sit/stand module Pro \$484.00 2 x Ergonomic Chair \$280.00

The **Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)** has provided a nil response.

**Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torre Strait Island Studies (AIATSIS)**  
Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. \$4,013.28

**a) List each item of expenditure and cost**

Healthe Work \$429.99 Workstation assessment

Healthe Work \$343.99 Workstation assessment

Healthe Work \$215.00 Workstation assessment

Healthe Work \$172.00 Workstation assessment

Healthe Work \$258.00 Workstation assessment

Healthe Work	\$272.33	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$172.00	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$243.66	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$57.32	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$215.00	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$429.99	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$645.00	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$172.00	Workstation assessment
Healthe Work	\$387.00	Workstation assessment

**2. Yes**

**3.**

Ergonomic Office	\$211.81	Ergonomic equipment
Officeworks	\$16.81	Lumbar support
Ergonomic Office	\$167.27	Document holder
McNallys Furniture	\$686.50	Ergonomic equipment