

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM0997_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Workplace Assessments

"Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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 2 June 2014 to 31 October 2014, the Fair Work Ombudsman has spent \$16,832.89 on 111 workplace ergonomic assessments. All 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 workplace equipment was recommended in relation to 28 of the assessments.

It is noted that 62 of the 111 workplace ergonomic assessments were arranged in response to a relocation of buildings in our Brisbane office to ensure correct ergonomic set up, and instruction on appropriate use of new equipment, purchased as part of the fit out. These 62 assessments accounted for \$4,290.00 of the \$16,832.89.

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

| Type of Equipment | Number | Cost (\$) |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Workstation | 12 | 24,000.00 |
| Keyboard | 5 | 548.33 |
| Mouse | 2 | 309.65 |
| Chair | 6 | 2580.19 |
| Document Holder | 3 | 448.65 |
| Foot Rest | 4 | 258.20 |
| Headset | 4 | 796.00 |
| Dual Monitor Stand | 1 | 59.95 |
| Monitor Riser | 1 | 59.95 |
| Desk Lozenge | 1 | 63.80 |
| Cable Tray | 1 | 35.00 |
| TOTAL | 40 | 29,159.72 |