

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Agency - Safe Work Australia**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1030\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**SWA - Non-Conventional Therapies**

Since 7 September 2013: 1. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes: a. What is the process by which these therapies can be approved? b. Who are they available to? c. Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)? 2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes: a. What therapies have been provided? b. What were they used to treat? c. What was the cost of the therapy?

**Answer**

Since 7 September 2013 Safe Work Australia has not made non-conventional therapies available to its staff or for ministerial use.