

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM1031_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

WGEA - 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

1. No.
2. Yes, for staff of the agency.
 - a. Homeopathy and acupuncture.
 - b. This information is unknown.
 - c. \$112 was spent on Homeopathy and \$170 was spent on Acupuncture.