

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Workplace assessments**

Question: **216**

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1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?
 - 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?
 - a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

Answer

1. In the period 7 September 2013 to 12 March 2014, there were 27 workstation assessments (WSA). Of these:
 - 12 were 'Basic' WSA (eg. for new starters or after a relocation);
 - six were 'Injury Prevention' WSAs (eg. for employees with mild discomfort); and
 - nine were 'Comprehensive' WSA (eg. for employees receiving regular medical treatment, returning to work after an injury, or with a condition impacting on their work)
 - a. The expenditure for these assessments was \$6,722.03.
2. Yes. Every assessment results in a change of some kind, for example, adjustments to the chair, desk or computer. However, not every assessment results in the purchase of ergonomic equipment.
 - a. The items of expenditure and costs are shown in the table below.

Items recommended	Cost
Ergonomic chair, document holder, telephone headset	\$542.82
Ergonomic chair	\$451.82
Document holder	\$72.27
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Ergonomic chair, mouse pad, desk lozenge, document holder	\$534.55
Ergonomic keyboard	\$132.73
Document Holder	\$114.55
Ergonomic chair	\$539