

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Sit-stand desks**
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CHAIR: May I ask one question in regard to this matter. In the refurbishment or anywhere else that DPS has provided new furniture or office equipment or anything else, has anyone received one of those standing desks?

Ms Mills: Yes.

CHAIR: How much do they cost?

Senator WONG: He wants one!

CHAIR: I probably do, but I want to know how much they cost. I want value for taxpayers' money.

Ms Mills: I actually do not know.

Mr Skill: The sit-stand desks are a variant of a standard workstation. They normally cost 20 to 30 per cent more than a standard workstation. But I can confirm that.

CHAIR: I would like, please, on notice, the number of sit-stand desks and their individual costs.

Mr Skill: For DPS?

CHAIR: For whatever areas are administered. It might be for DPS, it might be for the Parliamentary Library, it might be for—

Mr Skill: Anything that we have purchased?

CHAIR: That is right.

Mr Skill: No problems.

Answer

A total of 84 sit-stand desks have been purchased for use across DPS. The total expenditure for these is difficult to establish as they were purchased over time.

The current cost for one sit–stand workstation is \$1,840 (excl. GST).