

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013?
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:

1. Between 7 September 2013 and 18 June 2014, the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) has spent \$11,857.53 on workplace ergonomic assessments.
2. Yes. See explanation below in response to Question 3.
3. The APSC has provided workplace adjustments based on the above mentioned workstation assessments. It is not possible to distinguish whether the employees provided with this equipment had an existing disability, injury or required modification to prevent injury.

The net amount spent on the adjustments between 7 September 2013 and 18 June 2014 is \$1,563.05. A breakdown is provided at Table 2.

Table 2: Workplace adjustment expenditure between 7 September 2013 and 18 June 2014

Item	Qty	Cost (incl. GST)	Agency Reimbursed	Net Cost
Ergonomic Office Chair	2	\$ 1,130.25	\$ -	\$ 1,130.25
Software - Dragon Naturally Speaking	1	\$ 683.85	\$ 683.85	\$ -
Ergonomic Mouse	1	\$ 342.00	\$ -	\$ 342.00
Footrest	1	\$ 90.80	\$ -	\$ 90.80
Grand Total				\$ 1,563.05