

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Workplace Assessments

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

- (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?
- (3) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

Answer:

- (1) From 7 September 2013 to 31 May 2014, the Office has spent \$2,444.53 on workplace ergonomic assessments.
- (2) The workplace ergonomic assessments referred to above resulted in appropriate adjustments to existing chairs, desks and computer monitors being made and the purchase of two ergonomic chairs.
- (3) Between 7 September 2013 and 31 May 2014, the Office has spent \$1,248.18 on the purchase of two ergonomic chairs as a result of workstation assessments that were not related to an existing disability.