

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice  
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**Department** Parliamentary Budget Office  
**Topic** Non-Conventional Therapies

**Senator** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number** 117

**Type of question** Written

**Question**

- 1 Since 7 September 2013, 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 No.