

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Non-Conventional Therapies**

Question: **225**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 31 December 2014

Since 7 September 2013:

1. 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.