

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

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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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?
  - 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?
  - a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes

**Answer:**

1. Between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014, the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) has spent \$4,031.24 on workplace ergonomic assessments.

Table 1: Cost of workstation assessments between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014

Type of assessment	Quantity	Cost*
Basic Assessment	5	\$ 753.83
Injury Prevention Assessment	3	\$ 981.62
Comprehensive Assessment	4	\$ 2,295.79
		<b>\$ 4,031.24</b>

*\* includes assessment, report and travel*

2. 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 or required modification to prevent an injury occurring.

The net amount spent on the adjustments between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014 is \$1,472.25. A breakdown is provided at Table 2.

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Table 2: Workplace adjustment expenditure between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014

<b>Item</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Cost (incl. GST)</b>	<b>Agency Reimbursed</b>	<b>Net Cost</b>
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
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$ 1,472.25</b>