

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014

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

Answer:

- (1) From 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014, the Office has spent \$1,488.41 on workplace ergonomic assessments:

Ergonomic Assessments	Cost
One (1) x home based workstation assessment	\$622.71
Two (2) x workstation assessments for new staff	\$379.50
One (1) x workstation assessment for an existing disability	\$486.20
Total	\$1,488.41

- (2) The workplace ergonomic assessment referred to above resulted in appropriate adjustments to existing chairs, desks and computer monitors being made. No additional expense was incurred by the Office in relation to those changes.