

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 1

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

ONA Response:

1. ONA arranges a workstation assessment for all staff on commencement and for current staff on request. Fifteen ONA staff members received a workplace ergonomic assessment between 7 September 2013 and 28 February 2014 through contract arrangements with an external provider. The monthly cost of the overall contracted WHS service is \$3,452.77 (incl. GST). The contract covers a number of services in addition to workplace ergonomic assessments, to attempt to provide a more detailed answer would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. As at 28 February 2014 the recommendations of these assessments have resulted in the provision of additional equipment such as document holders (\$71.96 total), monitor stands (\$156.00 total), reading slopes (\$137.00 total), shorter-width keyboards (\$242.00 total) and foot rests (\$156.00 total).