

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Fraud and compliance – use of private detectives

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Question:

For the period 2014-15:

- a) How much has been spent on private surveillance / detectives?
- b) How many clients were subject to surveillance by private detectives?
- c) How many of the cases under surveillance resulted in no action being taken?
- d) What was the cost of the use of private surveillance / detectives where no action resulted?

Answer:

The Department of Human Services only procures optical surveillance services rather than the full suite of private investigator services. Please see HS 186 for information in relation to optical surveillance.