

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Use of private detectives

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Question:

For the periods 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011:

1. How much has been spent on private surveillance/detectives?
2. How many clients were subject to this surveillance by private detectives?
3. How many of those under surveillance resulted in no action being taken?
4. What was the cost of the use of private surveillance/detectives where no action resulted?

Answer:

1. to 4.

The department procures optical surveillance services rather than the full suite of private investigator services.

For a breakdown on the cost of optical surveillance services, refer HSW 23.