

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Fraud and Compliance - Use of Private Detectives

**Question reference number:** HS 64

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written question

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#### **Question:**

For the period 2011-12:

- a) How much has been spent on private surveillance/detectives?
- b) How many clients were subject to this surveillance by private detectives?
- c) How many of those 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 procures optical surveillance services rather than the full suite of private investigator services.

For a breakdown of the cost of optical surveillance, please refer to HS 65