

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

#### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Fraud and Compliance – Optical Surveillance

**Question reference number:** HS 65

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written question

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#### **Question:**

For the period 2011-12:

- a) How much has been spent on optical surveillance?
- b) How many clients were subject to this surveillance?
- c) How many of those under surveillance resulted in no action being taken?
- d) What was the cost of the surveillance where no action resulted?

#### **Answer:**

For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012:

- a) Centrelink Master Program – \$230,374  
Child Support Program – \$66,554
- b) Centrelink Master Program – 251  
Child Support Program – <20\*
- c) Centrelink Master Program – 70  
Child Support Program – <20\*
- d) The actual cost of using surveillance in cases that warranted no further action is not readily available, and would not be cost effective to obtain.

\* Any number less than 20 is suppressed to protect the privacy of individuals.