

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Optical Surveillance

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Question:

- a) How much has been spent on optical surveillance?
- b) How many clients were subject to surveillance?
- c) How many DHS clients 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 2013 to 30 June 2014:

- a) The Department of Human Services (the department) spent a total of \$91,190 on optical surveillance.
- b) A total of 80 clients were subject to surveillance.
- c) Of those who were under surveillance by the department, five resulted in no action being taken.
- d) The cost of surveillance for the five cases that resulted in no action being taken was \$10,525.27.