

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Optical Surveillance

**Question reference number:** HS 186

**Senator:** Siewert

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

For the period 2014-15:

- 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:**

- a) \$39,407
- b) 20 investigations and 1 evaluation – total of 21
- c) 4
- d) The actual cost of using surveillance in cases that warrant no further action is not readily available and the cost to determine this would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.