

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Optical Surveillance

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Question:

QoN 186 from Supplementary Budget estimates indicates that \$39,407 was spent on ‘optical surveillance’.

- a) Please provide an updated cost for the period since that QoN.
- b) What has been purchased for that cost, in terms of person-hours of surveillance, or other relevant metrics?

Answer:

For the 2015-16 financial year to date to 31 January 2016:

- a) \$21,842.
- b) The department is unable to provide the number of hours of surveillance conducted. To attempt to provide this information would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

The total savings identified from these matters was \$1.26 million.