

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Agency: Centrelink

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Topic: Optical Surveillance Provider Locations

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SENATOR MOORE asked on 16/02/2007:

Senator MOORE—Do we know whether the private investigating companies are all in capital cities? Mr Whalan said he would be able to find out whether they are national providers. I am trying to refine that information to whether firms are Queensland based. I imagine we would be able to find out what their home addresses are—where they are based.

Mr Whalan—We will try to get you an answer to that before the committee rises.

ANSWER:

Optical surveillance providers are not all located in capital cities. All providers are capable of providing optical surveillance nationally (see HS 13).

Centrelink uses some Queensland based optical surveillance providers.

The following is a listing of the optical surveillance providers used by Centrelink currently:

Jendate P/L - PO Box 242 Belmont NSW 2280
M & A Investigations - PO Box 77 Sutherland NSW 1499
IAA Industrial Accident Assessors P/L - PO Box 496 Altona North VIC 3025
Probe investigations P/L - PO Box 2196 Caulfield Junction VIC 3161
Maurice J Kerrigan & Associates - PO Box 2079 Richmond South VIC 3121
Maurice J Kerrigan & Associates - PO Box 1053 Nerang QLD 4211
Weston & Associates P/L - PO Box 1028 Thuringowa Central QLD 4817
Far North Investigations - PO Box 1008 Smithfield QLD 4872
Verifact P/L - PO Box 826, Springwood QLD 4127
Verifact P/L - PO Box 8084 Perth BC WA 6849
Warner & Associates P/L - PO Box 7189 Hutt St Adelaide SA 5000
Kingswood Investigations P/L - PO Box 711 Kent Town SA 5011
Network Investigations - GPO Box 150 Hobart TAS 7001
Panther Investigations P/L - PO Box 168 Mitchell ACT 2911
Executive Investigations P/L - PO Box 308 Erindale Centre ACT 2903

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