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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

HS6: Senator BERNARDI—Expected to be. The information that I have is that it was announced that it was to start on 1 July 2008 and was expected to go for 12 months. Has a decision then been reached that this will continue past 1 July 2009?

Ms Cooke—I would have to take that on notice.

Ms Williams—I wonder, Senator Bernardi, if we could get back to you with the exact details on this. We seem to have slightly different views on exactly when the pilot was and exactly when the trial was. I have got to come back to you with actual facts.

Senator BERNARDI—Ms Williams, you and I have different views or there are different views across the agency?

Ms Williams—No; I mean there are different views about exactly when the pilot was and exactly when the trial was and when it finishes. If we could come back to you with details and how many cases.

Answer:

HS6: Details of both the pilot and trial are provided in response to question HS7.

On 30 June 2009 the Child Support Program (CSP) completed an evaluation of the Optical Surveillance Trial. Pending a decision on whether to implement surveillance as ongoing business, work will continue to finalise cases underway.

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