

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 October 2009 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Back in May it was stated that about 20 people were being considered as part of the trial. (F&PA Estimates Hansard, 28.5.09, p.105) Was any surveillance conducted on these 20 people?

Answer:

Of the 20 cases identified in the estimates hearing of 28 May 2009, optical surveillance:

- has been conducted on two cases;
- has been approved and is due to commence shortly on six cases; and
- was determined to be no longer appropriate for use in 12 cases after further investigation.