

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: CCTV cameras
Question: 14
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- a) Do security officers know which camera is filming the image they are viewing due to a text overlay, which displays the camera location?
- b) Have there been any difficulties with the text overlays?
- c) Have recent changes to the text overlay meant that if a security officer is viewing footage of nine or more cameras on the one monitor he or she actually cannot read the overlay which shows the location of each camera?

Answer

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes, there have been difficulties with text overlays; but these have been rectified.

Due to the technologies associated with the different cameras connected to the system, the text overlay previously appeared in a range of default screen positions—some at the top of screen, some at the bottom and some not at all. Further coding brought the text overlays into a consistent format. This was done in consultation with the operators.

- c) Text overlays can be seen when displaying up to 16 cameras on the screen at any given time. Operators can select from a range of background settings for the text display, which will improve the readability when displaying multiple cameras.