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BILL Shorten was so concerned by reports of Sam Dastyari's dealings with a billionaire Chinese donor he called ASIO's top officials to determine if the embattled senator was a national security concern.

The Daily Telegraph understands the Labor leader this week called the domestic spy agency after hearing allegations Mr Dastyari warned the property developer he was under surveillance.

Mr Shorten was advised he did not pose a security risk.

GAME ON TO SPY ON KIDS

BRUCE McDOUGALL

TEACHERS will be able to spy on students by using a new program to keep tabs on what pupils are up to on their classroom laptops.

The colour-coding program throws up a "red flag" on the teacher's laptop when a student goes "off-task" on their computer. There are also other colours in the system, like green to show they are on-task and orange if they're searching Google or sending an email.

Six Sydney schools are already testing the software.

TRASH TALK ON CAN PLAN

ANNA CLEVELAND

HUNDREDS of vending machines ordered by the state government for its "shrink-hic" cash for cans scheme breach standards for disabled access, it can be revealed.

It is the latest blow for the popular campaign which is due to cause prices for drinks in bottles and cans to rise from tomorrow as senior government MPs warn about its "botched" rollout.

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"The company received the complaint when Mr Rush's engagement with the company had ended," it said. "The company continues to work with the complaint to minimise the risk of future instances of the alleged behaviour occurring in its workplace.

Mr Rush's lawyers said he had "not been approached by the Sydney Theatre Company, the alleged complainant nor any representative of either. "Further, he has not been informed by them of the nature of the complaint and what it involves," a statement from Mr Rush's lawyer said.

"If such a statement has been issued by the STC it is both irresponsible and highly damaging."
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Clockwise from left, Rush and his 1996 Oscar; in Twelfth Night, receiving the Order of Australia with Governor-General Peter Cosgrove; in STC’s King Lear; on location at Sydney Harbour on Tuesday; and (below) with Chris O’Neil in TV series Sammy. Main picture: Matrix Media Group

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He has found fame for becoming one of the few people to have won actor’s “Triple Crown” — the Academy Award, the prostate for Outstanding Achievement and the Tony Award. The 66-year-old married father-of-two and Melbourne resident is also the president of the Australian Academy of Cinema Television and Arts and is expected to attend the annual AACTA Awards at the Star Event Centre next week.

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Authorities said while the volcanic ash cloud was still reaching 10,000-20,000ft, it had decreased compared to the previous day.

The Volcanology and Geological Disaster Mitigation Centre chief, Kasbani, said everyone living inside the exclusion area 5-10km from the crater had been advised to leave.

An eruption on Tuesday, which hurled volcanic ash more than 4000m into the air had been the biggest so far, prompting warnings to an 8km-wide exclusion zone which was closed until late yesterday. That has now been lifted.