

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, COMPUTERS AND MOBILE PHONES, LOST OR STOLEN

2143. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and Great Southern

For each Department and agency under the Minister's control, including the Ministerial office:

- (a) how many laptop, notebook and palm computers have been reported lost or stolen for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003;
- (b) for each financial year, what was the total value of the computers that were lost or stolen;
- (c) did any of these computers contain information that could be regarded as sensitive;
- (d) what steps have been taken to ensure that any commercial or sensitive information was not compromised;
- (e) how many mobile phones were reported lost or stolen for the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003; and
- (f) what was the cost of replacing the lost or stolen mobile phones?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

Ministerial Office

- (a)-(d) No laptop, notebook or palm computer has been reported lost or stolen in this office in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03.
- (e) No mobile phone was reported lost or stolen in 2000/01 and 2001/02. One mobile phone was lost during 2002/03.
- (f) The mobile phone lost during 2002/03 has not been replaced.

Department of Agriculture

- (a) 2000/01 - 2  
2001/02 - 81  
2002/03 - 36
- (b) 2000/01 - \$0 WDV  
2001/02 - \$37,016 WDV  
2002/03 - \$19,189 WDV
- (c) No computers contained sensitive information
- (d) No action required.
- (e) 2000/01 - 6  
2001/02 - 23  
2002/03 - 18
- (f) 2000/01 - \$900  
2001/02 - \$3450  
2002/03 - \$2700

Department of Fisheries

- (a) 2000/2001 – Nil, 2001/2002 – 3 Laptops, 2002/2003 – 4 Laptops
- (b) 2000/2001 – Nil, 2001/2002 - \$5,453, 2002/2003 - \$7,945
- (c) Policy requires that all corporate data be maintained on the network drive and this is subject to network security policies on access and management. The potential cannot be ruled out given the nature of use of laptop computers, however the likelihood is low.
- (d) No specific arrangements were in place other than policy. This was identified as an issue in a security audit 12 months ago resulting in the subsequent actions to improve the situation.  
  
We are currently purchasing physical locking devices to minimise the likelihood of theft and we are actively pursuing data encryption options, initially for higher risk devices and long term for all devices.

- (e) 2000/2001 – Nil, 2001/2002 – 5 mobile phones, 2002/2003 – 6 mobile phones.
- (f) Mobile phone values - \$5,208.94

Forest Products Commission

- (a) 2000/2001: Nil  
2001/2002: Nil  
2002/2003: One
- (b) 2000/2001: Nil  
2001/2002: Nil  
2002/2003: \$3350.00
- (c) No
- (d) It is standard procedure for commercial or sensitive information to be password protected.
- (e) Mobile phones that have been lost:  
2000/2001: One  
2001/2002: One  
2002/2003: One
- (f) \$2,150.74

Mid West Development Commission

- (a)-(d) No laptop, notebook or palm computer has been reported lost or stolen for the financial years 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03.
- (e)-(f) No mobile phone has been reported lost or stolen for the financial years 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03.

Wheatbelt Development Commission

- (a)-(d) No laptop, notebook or palm computer has been reported lost or stolen for the financial years 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03.
- (e)-(f) No mobile phone has been reported lost or stolen for the financial years 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03.

Great Southern Development Commission

- (a)-(d) GSDC has had no laptops, notebooks or palm computers reported lost or stolen in 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03.
- (e) One mobile phone was reported lost in 2001/02. The mobile was later found.
- (f) Not applicable