

MINISTERIAL OFFICES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND  
AGENCIES — COMPUTERS — LOST OR STOLEN

5907. Hon Ray Halligan to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for the Environment

For each Department and Agency under the Minister's control, including the Ministerial Office —

- (1) How many laptop, notebook and palm computers were reported stolen in the six months to 31 December 2007?
- (2) What was the total value of these computers?
- (3) Did any contain information that could be regarded as sensitive?
- (4) What steps have been taken to ensure that any commercial or other sensitive information was not compromised?
- (5) Was the loss or theft of any of these laptops, notebooks or palm computers reported to the police?
- (6) If yes to (5), when?
- (7) Of those reported, what has been the outcome?
- (8) If any were not reported, why not?
- (9) What steps have been taken with a view to eliminating, or at least reducing, these losses or thefts?
- (10) When were these steps put in place?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority, Zoological Parks Authority, Swan River Trust & Ministerial Office

(1) Nil

(2)-(10) Not applicable

Department of Environment and Conservation

- (1) Four laptop computers were reported stolen for the six months to 31 December 2007.
- (2) The total depreciated value of the four computers was \$5 211.25.
- (3) The stolen laptop computers did not contain any information that could be regarded as sensitive.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The thefts of three of the computers were reported to the police. One computer was stolen in Spain on 10 October 2007 and was not reported to the police.
- (6) Thefts of three of the computers were reported to the police on 29 October 2007, 6 December 2007 and 17 December 2007.
- (7) The computers have not been recovered.
- (8) One computer was stolen in Spain and no report has been made to the police. The laptop was stolen as the custodian was departing Spain to travel to France. An attempt was made to report the theft to the French police who advised that the report would have to be made to the Spanish police. The custodian attempted to arrange for Spanish police to post a report form to an address in Australia, without success.
- (9) The department is trialling microdot technology on assets that are vulnerable to theft.
- (10) The trial commenced in August 2007 and a review of the results of the trial will be undertaken in August 2008, to assess the costs and benefits of implementing microdot technology.