

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

2294. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

I refer to the answers to questions on notice Nos 2132 to 2147 inclusive, relating to the loss or theft of laptop computers, notebooks and palm computers and mobile phones and ask -

- (a) how many of these losses or thefts were reported to the police;
- (b) when were they reported;
- (c) of those reported, what has been the outcome; and
- (d) if any were not reported to the police, why not?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Office of the Auditor General

- (a) From the 12 losses/thefts reported in PQ2133, 6 (4 laptops/1 palm computer/1 mobile phone) were reported to the Police.
- (b) Reported on the day of theft.
- (c) Police could not locate the equipment stolen as offenders were unknown.
The 6 not reported (5 laptops/1 mobile phone) were unable to be located during regular annual stocktakes and there was no evidence of fraud or theft for the police to investigate.

WA Treasury Corporation

- (a) None
- (b)-(c) Not Applicable
- (d) The two losses were considered minor and not worth reporting to the police.

Department of Treasury and Finance

- (a) 3;
- (b) as soon as the loss was discovered;
- (c) of the goods stolen, none have been recovered;
- (d) they were the result of stocktake deficiencies and there was no specific incident or event to report to the police.

Office of Energy

- (a) The Office of Energy responded to question on notice No. 2133 that in 2002/2003 there was one laptop computer reported stolen and one laptop computer reported lost. In both instances these were reported to the police.
- (b) Both were reported to the police within a week of it having been established that they were lost or stolen.
- (c) Neither of the laptop computers has been recovered. The Office recovered the replacement cost of both laptop computers through an insurance claim.
- (d) Not applicable

Office of Native Title

- (a) No losses were reported in response to questions on notice Nos 2132 to 2147 inclusive;
- (b) Not applicable;
- (c) Not applicable; and
- (d) Not applicable

Western Power Corporation

- (a&d) The majority of these incidents were reported to police. Several losses have been deemed of a non-material nature and therefore not reported.
- (b) Immediately the custodian became aware of the loss.

One laptop computer has been returned by Police.