

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

2297. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment

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?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

Ministerial Office

- (a-d) Not applicable, since our response to PQ2136 was None.

Department of Conservation and Land Management

- (a) All losses and thefts of laptop computers were reported to the Police.
- (b) In most cases, the day following the incident.
- (c) None of the lost or stolen property was recovered.
- (d) Not applicable

Department of Environmental Protection; Water and Rivers Commission

The answers relate to the Department of Environmental Protection, Water and Rivers Commission, Swan River Trust and Keep Australia Beautiful.

- (a) All losses/thefts have been reported to the police.
- (b) They were reported on the day that they were discovered lost/theft.
- (c) The agencies have not received any follow-up action from the police.
- (d) Not applicable.

Office of Water Regulation

- (a) One laptop computer was lost during the period. The loss was reported to the police.
- (b) The next day.
- (c) The item has not been recovered.
- (d) Not applicable.

Perth Zoo

- (a) Two laptop computers and one palm pilot were reported to the police as stolen. One mobile telephone was not reported to the police as lost/stolen.
- (b) One laptop and one palm pilot were reported stolen to the police on the day of the theft (12 November 2002). One laptop was reported stolen to the police on the day of the theft (13 February 2003).
- (c) No further advice has been received from the police in relation to all reported lost or stolen items.
- (d) One mobile telephone was not reported to the police as lost/stolen due to:  
Probable recovery of the lost telephone was considered low,  
Information on the telephone was not considered a security risk, and  
The lost telephone was of a low value.

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

- (a) None.
- (b-c) Not applicable.
- (d) It is not clear if the two mobile phones in question from 2001/2002 (replacement value in total less than \$500 for both) were lost or stolen. Therefore, these two phones were not reported to the police. BGPA

now has a policy that if any IT equipment or mobile phones are deemed lost or stolen, the loss is reported to the police.