

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

2136. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment

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?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

Ministerial Office:

- (a) None
- (b)-(d) Not applicable
- (e) None
- (f) Not applicable

Department of Conservation and Land Management

- (a) In 2000/2001 seven laptops; 2001/2002 two laptops, 2002/2003 thirteen laptops were lost or stolen.
- (b) The depreciated value of laptops lost or stolen in 2000/2001 was \$16,646. The depreciated value of laptops lost or stolen in 2001/2002 was \$5,891. The depreciated value of laptops lost or stolen in 2002/2003 was \$24,302.81.
- (c) No
- (d) Not applicable
- (e) Mobile phones are not recorded on the Department's asset register as they have a value less than the minimum limit of \$1,000.

Department of Environmental Protection; Water and Rivers Commission

- (a) 2000/01 – None; 2001/02 – four laptops; 2002/03 – one laptop.
- (b) 2000/01 – Nil; 2001/02 – \$12,000; 2002/03 – \$3,000.
- (c) There may have been limited sensitive information on two of these computers – this may include some staff reports and some ministerial correspondence.
- (d) Corporate policy is to store all information on corporate file servers, where it is well protected. Some Managers may store copies of this information temporarily on their laptops so as to work on it at home (outside of normal business hours). Policy regarding this is that it should be limited to current requirements and removed when no longer required. All agency computers have password protection security.
- (e) 2000/01 – one; 2001/02 – one; 2002/03 – one
- (f) 2000/01 – \$300; 2001/02 – \$300; 2002/03 – \$300.

Office of Water Regulation

- (a) 2000/2001: None 2001/2002: None. 2002/2003 one laptop computer was lost.
- (b) The value was \$4,009.
- (c) No.
- (d) Not applicable.

- (e) None in any of these years.
- (f) Not applicable.

Perth Zoo

- (a) 2000/2001 no laptop, notebook or palm computers were reported lost or stolen. 2001/2002 no laptop, notebook or palm computers were reported lost or stolen.  
2002/2003 two laptop computers and one palm computer were reported stolen.
- (b) 2000/01: Nil 2001/2002: Nil. The total value of computers that were stolen in the financial year 2002/2003 was \$7,100.
- (c) No
- (d) Zoological Parks Authority officers are required to keep any commercial or sensitive information on a secure computer network share, not on the local drive of a laptop or palm computer.
- (e) 2000/2001 – None. 2001/2002 – None. 2002/2003 one mobile phone was reported lost or stolen.
- (f) \$210.

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

- (a) None in any of these years.
- (b)-(d) Not applicable.
- (e) 2000/2001 – None; 2001/2002: Two 2002/2003: None
- (f) \$475