

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

2298. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice; Community Safety

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?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

Western Australia Police Service

The Western Australia Police Service advise:

- (a) 29
- (b) Reports of stolen laptops were made on the following dates:
11/09/01
22/11/02
01/11/02
05/01/03

Reports of stolen mobile phones were made on the following dates:
12/11/00
28/08/01
01/03/02
25/05/03
25/01/02
11/08/02
01/05/02
16/07/02
20/01/03
12/08/02
18/02/02
20/01/02
23/07/00
17/09/01
14/06/02
21/03/00
28/12/97
08/10/99
30/11/02
21/07/02
24/06/02
15/05/02
17/03/02
17/03/02
28/05/03
- (c) All stolen items were recorded as such on the Police Service's asset register and separate offence reports have been lodged for each item. In relation to one stolen laptop an offender was apprehended for burglary on 27 April 2000. Forty three of the lost/stolen mobile phones were replaced.
- (d) The only items not reported were lost items, which are not required to be reported as per the Police Service's internal policies and procedures.

Fire and Emergency Services Authority

The Fire and Emergency Services Authority advise:

- (a) All thefts were reported to the police.
- (b) Directly following the theft.
- (c) The laptop and phones have not been recovered.
- (d) Lost or damaged mobile phones were not reported to police.

Office of Road Safety

The Office of Road Safety advise:

- (a) All
- (b) Same day as the laptop was stolen.
- (c) The laptop was recovered.
- (d) Not applicable

Department of Justice

The Department of Justice advise:

- (a) All thefts were reported to police.
- (b) Reports of stolen laptops, notebooks and palm computers were made on the following dates:
23/08/00
24/12/02
Reports of stolen mobile phones were made immediately or shortly after the theft.
- (c) With regards to stolen laptops, notebooks and palm computers, the report made on 23/08/00 was allocated to file and after the forensic check was negative, no further inquiry was made. The report made on 24/12/00 was allocated to file and no further inquiry made.
With regards to stolen mobile phones, none have been recovered.
- (d) The only items not reported were lost items. All thefts were reported.