

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

2531. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Peel

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 six months to 30 June 2007;
- (b) 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) was the loss or theft of any of these computers reported to the police;
- (f) if yes to (e), when were these reports made;
- (g) of those reported, what has been the outcome;
- (h) if any computers that were lost or stolen were not reported to the police, why not;
- (i) what steps, if any, have been put into place with a view to eliminating, or at least reducing, these losses; and
- (j) when were these steps put into place?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Ministerial Office

Please refer to question on notice 2518.

Department of Environment and Conservation

- (a) Two laptop computers were reported stolen for the six months to 30 June 2007.
- (b) The total depreciated value of the two computers was \$4,251.53.
- (c) The stolen laptop computers did not contain any information that could be regarded as sensitive.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) The theft of both computers was reported to the police.
- (f) The thefts were reported on 4 January 2007 and 26 January 2007.
- (g) The computers have not been recovered.
- (h) Not applicable.
- (i) The department is trialing microdot technology. Assets vulnerable to theft have microdots attached as a deterrent and to identify assets that are recovered.
- (j) The microdot trial is in progress.

Peel Development Commission

- (a) Nil.
- (b)-(j) Not applicable.

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

- (a) The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority has had NIL laptop, notebook or palm computers reported lost or stolen for the six months to 30 June 2007.
- (b)-(c) Not applicable.
- (d) At the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority all notebooks are password restricted as part of the standard operating system install. Sensitive information is also directed to be stored on the file servers rather than workstations or laptops.
- (e)-(j) Not applicable.

Swan River Trust

- (a) No laptops have been lost or stolen for the six months to 30 June 2007.

- (b)-(h) Not applicable.
- (i) Data Dot marking has been applied to our assets for security.
- (j) Wednesday 18 July 2007.

Zoological Parks Authority

- (a) None.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) No commercial or sensitive information is kept on Laptops, Notebooks or Palm computers.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.
- (i) Step 1: Zoological Parks Authority staff who have access to mobile computers are regularly reminded of the Authority's guidelines that require the physical security of Zoo property is maximised.

Step 2: The Zoological Parks Authority has begun a microdot security identification project, marking mobile computer equipment with the agency ABN.
- (j) Step 1: February 2007.
Step 2: Commenced July 2007.