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Mr Bob Charles, MP
Chairman
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Request for Information on Computer Related Security Breaches

I refer to your request of 16 September 2003 for details of any breaches of computer security that have occurred in the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and its associated agencies since July 1998.

Stolen equipment is reported by the Department to the Australian Federal Police for investigation. Records are readily available only for the last two financial years: 2001/2002 and 2002/2003.

Breaches of computer security are treated by the Department in accordance with the Defence Signals Directorate Information Security Incident Detection, Reporting and Analysis Scheme (ISIDRAS).

The Department is not aware of any other significant events involving information technology security.

As requested, information from the portfolio agencies has been included.

This response is based on information currently available, but is subject to revision as further information becomes available through investigations by the agencies concerned.

If you require any further information the contact officer is Mark Haughey (02 6121 5077).

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COMPUTER RELATED SECURITY BREACHES

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Date	Incident	Impact
November 1998	Bogus email	No material damage. No classified information accessed.
May 2000	ILOVEYOU virus	Email system unavailable for an estimated eight hours. No classified information accessed.
FY0102 and FY0203	Stolen equipment	During this time there were twenty four items of hardware along with their associated software reported stolen. None contained classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.
September 2003	WELCHIA virus	Still under investigation. Limited disruption to services. No classified information accessed.

COMCARE

Date	Incident	Impact
November 1998	Stolen laptop	Did not contain classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.
August 1999	Stolen laptop	Did not contain classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.
April 2002	Stolen laptop	Did not contain information classified above In-Confidence and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.
August 2003	Stolen laptop	Did not contain classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.

Office of the Employment Advocate

Date	Incident	Impact
September 1999	Three stolen laptops	None contained classified information. A person was charged with the offence but the equipment was not recovered.
October 1999	Website hacked	Limited disruption to services. No classified information accessed. Offender(s) not apprehended.
June 2001	Website hacked	Limited disruption to services. No classified information accessed. Offender(s) not apprehended.

The Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal

Date	Incident	Impact
November 1999	Laptop stolen	Did not contain classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency

Date	Incident	Impact
FY0102 and FY0203	Three stolen laptops	None contained classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.

The National Occupational Health & Safety Commission

Date	Incident	Impact
FY9899	Four stolen laptops	None contained classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.
FY0001	One stolen laptop and one stolen desktop	None contained classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.
FY0203	Laptop stolen	Did not contain classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission / Australian Industrial Registry

Date	Incident	Impact
FY0102 and FY0203	Two stolen laptops	Did not contain classified information and to date investigations by the police have not resulted in the recovery of the equipment or the apprehension of the offenders.