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**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2004-2005

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**OUTCOME/OUTPUT:** ALL Outcomes and Outputs  
**TOPIC:** BREAK-INS ON DEPARTMENTAL PROPERTY  
**REFERENCE:** WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**QUESTION No.27**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

27. How many break-ins were there on Departmental property in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04. For each incident:
- a) what was the location and the cost of damage associated with each break in?
  - b) What was the cost of damage conducted during each break in?
  - c) What was the subject of theft in each break in?
  - d) What was the cost of any theft associated with each break in?
  - e) was anyone charged with the break in (specify if they were employed by the Department)?
  - f) was anyone convicted of the break in (specify if they were employed by the Department)?

**ANSWER**

**Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources**

Details of break-ins which have occurred on Departmental property during the period in question are provided below.

Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL) – 26 May 2002

- (a) AGAL facility in Pymble, NSW. The cost to repair damage to glass was \$1,412.
- (b) No additional damage during break-in.
- (c) Various materials were stolen from two areas within the laboratory. This included a safe containing narcotics and steroid samples, pharmaceutical chemicals, drugs-in-sport materials and a computer. NSW Police recovered some of the materials.
- (d) The total to replace (re-manufacture) stolen reference materials, loss of revenue from sales of stolen reference materials, purchase replacement chemicals, replace stolen safe and other related costs was approximately \$310,000. The majority of this cost was recovered through insurance. A PC valued at \$1,200 was also stolen.
- (e) Several people were charged with the break-in, including one employee of the Department.
- (f) Several people were convicted, including one employee of the Department.

Australian Building Codes Board – 18 August 2002

- (a) Australian Building Codes Board premises at 4/40 Allara Street, Canberra. No damage to property.
- (b) No damage to building.
- (c) Compaq Presario 1700 Notebook. Dell Inspiron 8200 Notebook.
- (d) Total value of assets stolen was \$7,131.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL) – 10 July 2002

- (a) AGAL facility in South Melbourne, Victoria. The cost to repair damage to glass was approximately \$220.
- (b) Approximately \$2,860 in damage to carpet and chairs after entry.
- (c) 8 computers were taken.
- (d) The theft amounted to approximately \$15,000 in computers and software.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

**IP Australia**

Details of break-ins which have occurred on IP Australia property during the period in question are provided below.

IP Australia Melbourne Office – March 2001

- (a) IP Australia's Melbourne State Office - OCBC House, Level 6/565 Bourke St, Melbourne. No details available on cost of damage associated with break-in, but a door lock, a safe and two drawer units were damaged.
- (b) See response to (a) above.
- (c) Subject of theft was cash, CD Player and CD-ROM.
- (d) Total value of items stolen was \$970.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

IP Australia Canberra Office – April 2001 (Attempted Break-in)

- (a) Attempted break-in. IP Australia premises, Discovery House, Canberra (Amenities Room). Cost of damage to door lock was \$310.
- (b) See response to (a) above.
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) No-one was charged over the attempted break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the attempted break-in.

**Geoscience Australia**

Details of break-ins which have occurred on Geoscience Australia property during the period in question are provided below.

Geoscience Australia Map Store – 2001-02

- (a) Geoscience Australia Map Store, ACT. Cost of damage associated with break-in was \$200.
- (b) Nil. See response to (a) above.
- (c) Laptop.
- (d) Cost of theft associated with break-in was \$4,000.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

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Geoscience Australia Premises - Scrivener Building – 2001-02

- (a) Geoscience Australia premises - Scrivener Building, ACT. Cost of damage associated with break-in was \$800.
- (b) Nil. See response to (a) above.
- (c) 4 large monitors.
- (d) Cost of theft associated with break-in was \$8,000.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

Geoscience Australia Premises - Scrivener Building – 2001-02

- (a) Geoscience Australia premises - Scrivener Building, ACT. Cost of damage associated with break-in was \$800.
- (b) Nil. See response to (a) above.
- (c) 2 large monitors.
- (d) Cost of theft associated with break-in was \$4,400.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

Geoscience Australia WA Office and Car – 2002-03

- (a) Geoscience Australia - WA Office and Car. Cost of damage associated with break-in was \$600.
- (b) Nil. See response to (a) above.
- (c) Office and technical equipment.
- (d) Cost of theft associated with break-in was \$5,000.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

Geoscience Australia Kowen Forest Laboratory – 2002-03

- (a) Geoscience Australia - Kowen Forest Observatory. Cost of damage associated with break-in was \$800.
- (b) Nil. See response to (a) above.
- (c) PC and printer.
- (d) Cost of theft associated with break-in was \$3,500.
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

Geoscience Australia Kowen Forest Laboratory – 2003-04

- (a) Geoscience Australia - Kowen Forest Observatory. Cost of damage associated with break-in was \$4,500.
- (b) Nil. See response to (a) above.
- (c) No theft.
- (d) N/A
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.

**Tourism Australia**

Details of break-ins which have occurred on Tourism Australia property during the period in question are provided below.

Tourism Australia Auckland Office – 2000-01

- (a) Tourism Australia - Auckland office. Total cost of damage associated with break-in was NZ\$28,271.
- (b) See response to (a) above.
- (c) Computer equipment.
- (d) Replacement of stolen computer equipment cost NZ\$2,700 (plus GST).
- (e) No-one was charged over the break-in.
- (f) No-one was convicted over the break-in.