

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

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

**QUESTION No.28**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

28. How many thefts of departmental property occurred in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04?  
 For each incident:
- a) What was stolen in each instance?
  - b) What was the value of the stolen item/s?
  - c) Where was it stolen from?
  - d) Was anyone charged with the theft (specify if they were employed by the Department)?
  - e) Was anyone convicted of the theft (specify if they were employed by the Department)?
  - f) Were any of the items recovered?

**ANSWER**

**Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources**

Relevant information is provided in the following table. Detailed information for 2000-01 is not readily available.

Refer also to information on lost/stolen laptops and other computer equipment provided previously in responses to Parliamentary Questions from Senator Faulkner. See responses to PQ 3732/3751 (tabled September 2001) and PQ 2086/2104 (tabled November 2003).

Year	Incident Number	Description of Stolen Item	Asset Value *	Stolen From
2001-02	1	Digital Mobile	-	Officer's residence
	2	Laptop	\$1938.48	Departmental premises (IPS, Sydney)
	3	Mobile	-	Departmental premises (IPS, Sydney)
	4	Motorola Mobile	-	During overseas trip (Italy)
	5	Mobile Nokia 6150	-	Officer's vehicle
	6	Mobile	-	Departmental premises
	7	Laptop	\$535.84	Departmental premises (AusIndustry, QLD)
	8	Laptop	\$2070.39	During overseas trip (Geneva)
	9	Mobile	-	During overseas trip (Geneva)
	10	Laptop	\$1208.43	Officer's residence
	11 (a)	Narcotics / Evidential samples	See response to Q27	AGAL Laboratories, Pymble
	11 (b)	PC	\$1200.00	AGAL Laboratories, Pymble
	12	Laptop	\$800	Officer's vehicle (AGAL)

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Year	Incident Number	Description of Stolen Item	Asset Value *	Stolen From
2002-03	1	Mobile Phone and Car Kit	-	Staff vehicle
	2	Laptop	\$2724.81	Departmental premises (ABCB)
	3	Laptop	\$4406.19	Departmental premises (ABCB)
	4	Laptop	-	Officer's residence
	5	Laptop	-	Officer's residence
	6	Mobile Nokia 5110E	-	Departmental premises
	7	Laptop	\$226.55	Officer's residence
	8	Portable Modem	-	Officer's residence
	9	8 computers	\$15000.00	Departmental premises (AGAL, South Melbourne)
2003-04	1	Mobile Nokia 6210	-	Departmental premises
	2	Monitor	-	Departmental premises
	3	Voice Recorder	-	Departmental premises

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Several people were charged and convicted in relation to the break-in at the AGAL laboratories at Pymble, including a Departmental employee (refer Incident Nos. 11(a) and 11(b) for 2001-02 in table above).

No charges or convictions have been made in relation to the other incidents of theft outlined above. No items have been recovered.

#### IP Australia

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Year	Date	Description of Stolen Item	Asset Value *	Stolen From
2000-01	July 2000	Pallet jack	-	Discovery House basement
	Feb 2001	NEC VCR	-	Discovery House
	Mar 2001	Computer mouse	-	Sirius Building
	Mar 2001	Computer mouse	-	Sirius Building
	May 2001	Computer mouse	-	Sirius Building
	May 2001	Computer LAN card	-	Computer located in Discovery House
2001-02	July 2001	1 hard disk (2.1gb) and 64mb of RAM	-	Sirius Building
	July 2001	Computer mouse	-	Sirius Building
	July 2001	Computer hardware	-	Sirius Building and Discovery House
	Aug 2001	PC completely gutted	\$300	Sirius Building
	Aug 2001	Workstation screens and components	\$6,000	Hume Warehouse
	Feb 2002	10 mobile drawer units	\$1,715	Discovery House
	May 2002	Laptop	\$1,480	Home of staff member, Canberra
	May 2002	Gas operated meeting room chairs	-	Discovery House
	June 2002	Used toner cartridges	-	Sirius Building leading dock

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2002-03	July 2002	Litepro data projector	\$1,980	Discovery House
	Aug 2002	Nokia 3350 mobile phone	-	Home of staff member, Queensland
	Sep 2002	4 gas operated chairs	\$1,300	Discovery House
	Oct 2002	Toshiba laptop	\$1,776	Home of staff member, Canberra
	Feb 2003	Mobile phone	-	Discovery House
	Mar 2003	PC and monitor	\$1,500	Discovery House
	Apr 2003	Processor from PC	-	Discovery House
	June 2003	Laptop	-	Home of staff member
2003-04	Jan 2004	PC components	-	Sirius Building
	Feb 2004	Chair, keyboard/keypad, trackball mouse	-	Hume Warehouse
	Mar 2004	Mobile phone	-	Home of staff member
	June 2004	Mobile phone	-	Staff vehicle

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None of the above items have been recovered. No persons have been charged or convicted in relation to the above thefts.

#### Geoscience Australia

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Year	Description of Stolen Item	Asset Value *	Stolen From
2000-01	-		
2001-02	Laptop	\$3,450	Officer's vehicle, WA
	Laptop	\$3,000	Officer's home, ACT
	Laptop	\$3,075	Geoscience Australia premises, ACT
2002-03	Laptop	\$3,750	Officer's vehicle, ACT
	Laptop	\$3,750	Officer's home, ACT
	PC (July 2002)	\$500	Geoscience Australia premises
	Monitor (July 2002)	\$1,600	Geoscience Australia premises
	PC (July 2002)	\$500	Geoscience Australia premises
	Monitor (July 2002)	\$1,600	Geoscience Australia premises
	NEC Printer (August 2002))	\$500	Observatory
	HP Data Server PC (August 2002)	\$1,000	Observatory
2003-04	Digital camera	-	Nottingham, United Kingdom

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One monitor recovered. No persons have been charged or convicted in relation to the above thefts.

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**Tourism Australia**

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Description of Stolen Item</b>	<b>Asset Value *</b>	<b>Stolen From</b>
<b>2000-01</b>	Computer equipment	NZ\$2,700	Auckland Office
<b>2001-02</b>	-		
<b>2002-03</b>	Laptop	\$1,094	Officer's vehicle -- London
	Laptop	\$1,094	Officer's vehicle - Auckland
<b>2003-04</b>	-		

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None of the above items have been recovered. No persons have been charged or convicted in relation to the above theft.