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**Question: Supp 26**

**Topic: Break-ins/Thefts/Fraud/Loss/Vehicular Accidents**

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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. 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)?
  
2. 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?
  
3. How many incidents of fraud were detected against the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident:
  - a) What was the subject of the fraud in each instance?
  - b) What was the value of the fraud?
  - c) Which administrative unit was the subject of the fraud?
  - d) was anyone charged with the fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)?
  - e) Was anyone convicted of the fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)?

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- f) Were any of the defrauded items or was any of the defrauded money recovered?
4. How many incidents of loss (excluding theft, accident, breakage and vandalism) of departmental property were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident:
- a) What was the loss in each instance?
  - b) What was the value of the loss?
  - c) Which administrative unit lost the property?
  - d) Were any of the lost item/s recovered?
  - e) Was anyone disciplined over the loss?
5. How many vehicular accidents in which departmental vehicles (including vehicles leased by the department) were involved were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident:
- a) What was the value of the damage?
  - b) Which administrative unit was the vehicle attached to?
  - c) Was anyone charged over the accident (specify charges)?

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Answer:

1. Break-ins on departmental property in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04.

Incident	Location and cost of damage associated with break-in	Cost of damage conducted during break-in	Subject of theft	Cost of any theft associated with each break-in	Anyone charged with break-in (Departmental employee?)	Anyone convicted of break-in (Departmental employee?)	Comment
<b>2000-01</b>							
Nil return.							
<b>2001-02</b>							
Nil return.							
<b>2002-03</b>							
Nil return.							
<b>2003-04</b>							
Nil return.							

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2. Thefts of departmental property in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04.

Incident	What was stolen?	What was the value?	Where was it stolen from?	Was anyone charged with the theft? (Departmental employee?)	Was anyone convicted of the theft? (Departmental employee?)	Were any of the items recovered?	Comment
<b>2000-01</b>							
Ni return.							
<b>2001-02</b>							
Incident 1	VCR	Not known.	Not known.	No.	No.	No.	
Incident 2	Mobile phone	Not known.	Office of the General Manager, Competition and Consumer Policy Division.	No.	No.	No.	
<b>2002-03</b>							
Incident 1	Mobile Phone	Not known.	Voice Communications Store Room.	No.	No.	No.	

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Incident 2	Mobile Phone	Not known.	Voice Communications Room.	No.	No.	No.
<b>2003-04</b>						
Nil return.						

3. Incidents of fraud detected against the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04.

Incident	Subject of each fraud?	What was the value?	Which administrative unit was the subject of fraud?	Was anyone charged with the fraud? (Departmental employee?)	Was anyone convicted of the fraud? (Departmental employee?)	Were any of the defrauded items or money recovered?	Comment
<b>2000-01</b>							
Incident 1	Loss of Foreign Investment Review Board case files.	Not applicable.	Foreign Investment Review Board.	No.	No.	The police investigation concluded that the files were destroyed but was unable to identify who was responsible, or whether the destruction was	

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<b>2001-02</b>						deliberate.	
Incident 1	Obtaining property, a financial advantage or any other benefit by deception.	\$1,049,625.33	GST Start-up Assistance Office.	Yes - a contractor was charged.	Yes - a contractor was convicted.	The entire amount was recovered, plus an additional \$100,000 for interest and costs.	
<b>2002-03</b>							
Incident 1	Obtaining property, a financial advantage or any other benefit by deception.	\$8,899.69	Information and Records Services.	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	Yes, the total amount was recovered.	
Incident 2	Providing false or misleading information to the Commonwealth,	No money was defrauded - false information was submitted in a	HIH Claims Support Scheme.	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	Not applicable. Australian Federal Police advised case not viable and	

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Incident	Subject of each fraud?	What was the value?	Which administrative unit was the subject of fraud?	Was anyone charged with the fraud? (Departmental employee?)	Was anyone convicted of the fraud? (Departmental employee?)	Were any of the defrauded items or money recovered?	Comment
	or failing to provide information where there is an obligation to do so.	Statutory Declaration.				withdrawn.	
Incident 3	Obtaining financial advantage by deception.	\$200	GST Start-up Assistance Office	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	Amount written off.	
<b>2003-04</b>							
Incident 1	Attempting to obtain financial advantage by deception.	\$3,362.56	HH Claims Support Scheme.	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	No - the suspected person was not employed by Treasury.	No money was paid out.	

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4. Incidents of loss (excluding theft, accident, breakage, and vandalism) of departmental property were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04.

Incident	What was the loss?	What was the value?	Which administrative unit lost the property?	Were any lost items recovered?	Was anyone disciplined over the loss?	Comment
<b>2000-01</b>						
Outside the annual stock-take process, there has been no incidents of loss of departmental property reported.						
<b>2001-02</b>						
Outside the annual stock-take process, there has been no incidents of loss of						



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Incident	What was the loss?	What was the value?	Which administrative unit lost the property?	Were any lost items recovered?	Was anyone disciplined over the loss?	Comment
departmental property reported.						
<b>2002-03</b>						
Outside the annual stock-take process, there has been no incidents of loss of departmental property reported.						
<b>2003-04</b>						
Outside the annual stock-take process, there has been no incidents of loss of departmental						

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Incident	What was the loss?	What was the value?	Which administrative unit lost the property?	Were any lost items recovered?	Was anyone disciplined over the loss?	Comment
property reported.						

5. Vehicular accidents in which departmental vehicles (including vehicles leased by the department) involved were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04.

Incident	What was the value of the damage?	Which administrative unit was the vehicle attached to?	Was anyone charged over the accident (specify charges)	Comment
<b>2000-01</b>				
Incident 1.	\$1,287.88	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 2.	\$1,299.42	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 3.	\$1,008.79	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 4.	\$687.98	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 5.	\$90.00 (recovered \$1,543.64)	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 6.	\$583.42	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 7.	\$525.52	SES vehicle	Not known	

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Incident	What was the value of the damage?	Which administrative unit was the vehicle attached to?	Was anyone charged over the accident (specify charges)	Comment
Incident 8.	\$451.05	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 9.	\$658.80	SES vehicle	Not known	
<b>2001-02</b>				
Incident 1.	\$78.32 (recovered \$434.59)	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 2.	\$624.96	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 3.	\$464.04	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 4.	\$807.22	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 5.	\$804.36	SES vehicle	Not known	
<b>2002-03</b>				
Incident 1.	\$602.03	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 2.	\$102.00 (recovered \$353.65)	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 3.	\$1,007.90	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 4.	\$390.17	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 5.	\$2,354.00	SES vehicle	Not known	

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Incident	What was the value of the damage?	Which administrative unit was the vehicle attached to?	Was anyone charged over the accident (specify charges)	Comment
Incident 6.	\$587.37	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 7.	\$615.60	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 8.	\$1,388.77	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 9.	\$90.00 (recovered \$2,393.05)	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 10.	\$309.65	SES vehicle	Not known	
<b>2003-04</b>				
Incident 1.	\$888.11	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 2.	\$534.90	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 3.	\$604.64	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 4.	\$0.00 (recovered \$468.97)	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 5.	\$500.00	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 6.	\$1,888.88	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 7.	\$330.00 (recovered \$594.32)	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 8.	\$576.01	SES vehicle	Not known	

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Incident	What was the value of the damage?	Which administrative unit was the vehicle attached to?	Was anyone charged over the accident (specify charges)	Comment
Incident 9.	\$2,544.43	SES vehicle	Not known	
Incident 10.	\$438.36	SES vehicle	Not known	