

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

Outcome: All

Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E350_05

Senator Ludwig, provided in writing.

Question:

How many incidents of fraud were detected against the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 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)?
- f) Were any of the defrauded items or was any of the defrauded money recovered?

Answer:

Incidents of Fraud

The information provided has been prepared from records held by DEST's National Investigations Unit. The material presented below uses the definition of fraud provided by the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines.

2000 – 01:

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Forgery	\$350	Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme	Yes	Yes	Non-Staff	No.
Make False Claim	\$1125	Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme	Yes	Yes	Non-staff	Yes
Misuse of Commonwealth Credit Card	\$63.90	Internal Disciplinary Matter	Yes PS Act	Yes PS Act	DEST Staff Member	No

2001 – 02:

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Crimes Act 1914 - Make false statement	\$608	Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme	Yes	Yes	Non-staff	No
FMA - Misuse of Common wealth credit card	\$1928	Internal Disciplinary Matter	Yes	Yes	DEST Staff Member	Yes

2002 – 03:

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Misuse of Common wealth Credit Card	\$1077.98	Internal Disciplinary Matter	Yes PS Act	Yes PS Act	DEST Staff Member	Yes
Misuse of Common wealth Credit Card	\$1423.44	External Fraud – Not Programme Specific	Yes	Yes	Former DEST Staff Member	Yes

2003 – 04*:

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Steal Common wealth Property	\$1000	External Fraud – Not Programme Specific	No	No	Not Identified	No
Misuse of Common wealth Credit Card	\$959.67	Internal Disciplinary Matter	Yes PS Act	Yes PS Act	DEST Staff Member	Yes

*Includes Qwestacon which provided a Nil response.

AIMS has provided the following answer:

2000-01

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Cash	\$350	AIMS	Yes AIMS Act	Yes AIMS Act	Yes	Yes

2001 – 02 Nil
2002 – 03 Nil
2003 – 04 Nil

CSIRO has provided the following answer:

2000 – 01 Nil

2001 – 02

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Attempted misuse of a credit card	\$5,000	CSIRO Livestock Industries, St Lucia Qld	Yes	No	Staff member	Yes

2002 – 03

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Misuse of a mobile telephone	\$641	CSIRO Corporate centre	No	No	Non-staff member	Yes

2003 – 04

Subject	Value	Administrative unit	Person Charged	Person Convicted	Offender Identity	Monies Recovered
Misuse of a credit card	\$509	CSIRO Corporate Centre	No	No	Staff member	Yes

ANTA has provided the following answer:

No instances of fraud against ANTA were detected in any of these years.

ANSTO has provided the following answer:

No instances of fraud against ANSTO were detected in any of these years.

ARC has provided the following answer:

No instances of fraud against ARC were detected in any of these years.