

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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**Question No. 30**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:**

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)?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The following agencies have advised a "Nil" or "Not applicable" response:

**Australasian Centre for Policing Research**

**Australian Institute of Police Management**

**Australian Law Reform Commission**

**Australian Security Intelligence Organisation**

**Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre**

**Copyright Tribunal**

**Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal**

**Family Court of Australia**

**Federal Magistrates Court**

**Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal**

**High Court of Australia**

**Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner**

**Office of Film and Literature Classification**

## Office of Parliamentary Counsel

A response from the Attorney-General's Department is set out below, followed by responses from the remaining portfolio agencies in alphabetical order.

### Attorney-General's Department

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Number of incidents	Nil	1	1	1
a)	Nil	EMA Mt Macedon Cost \$800	EMA Mt Macedon Cost \$800	EMA Mt Macedon Cost \$1020
b)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
c)	Nil	Nil	Laptop computer	Monitor
d)	Nil	Nil	\$2600	\$300
e)	Nil	No	No	No
f)	Nil	No	No	No

### Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Nil for all years, except 2003/04 when there was one break-in. The answers to a) to f) in relation to this break-in are:

2003/04

- a) The break-in occurred at the Sydney Registry. No damage was associated with the break-in.
- b) There was no cost incurred by the Tribunal, but a small amount of social club money was stolen.
- c) The subject of theft in the break-in was cash.
- d) There was no cost incurred by the Tribunal, but a small amount of social club money was stolen.
- e) No one was charged with the break-in.
- f) No one was convicted of the break-in.

### Australian Crime Commission

Refer Attachment A.

### Australian Customs Service

Refer Attachment B.

### Australian Federal Police

Refer Attachment C.

### **Australian Government Solicitor**

Nil break-ins in 2000-01; 3 break-ins in 2001-02; nil break-ins in 2002-03; 3 break-ins in 2003-04.

Details of the incidents with respect to question parts a) - f) are provided in the table below.

<b>Date of incident</b>	<b>a)</b>	<b>b)</b>	<b>c)</b>	<b>d)</b>	<b>e)</b>	<b>f)</b>
2001-02	AGS Sydney	\$500	Laptop computer	\$3,410	No	No
2001-02 (2 related break-ins in the same week)	AGS Canberra	\$2,500	Desktop PCs	\$24,000	Yes (not employed by AGS)	Not known (not employed by AGS)
2003-04	AGS Melbourne	Not known - cost borne by building owner	Laptop computer	\$3,000	Yes (not employed by AGS)	Yes (not employed by AGS)
2003-04	AGS Sydney	No damage	Laptop computer	\$3,410	No	No
2003-04	AGS Sydney	No damage	Desktop PC	\$2,754	No	No

### **Australian Institute of Criminology/Criminology Research Council**

The Australian Institute of Criminology has had one break-in which occurred on Saturday, 26 July 2003. The Criminology Research Council occupies part of the same building.

- (a) Location 74 Leichhardt Street, Griffith 2603, estimated value of items stolen was \$26,524.00 and there was minimal building damage ie. one window and one panic lock destroyed.
- (b) The Institute is unaware of the cost of repairs to the building as this was recovered by the landlord's building insurance.
- (c) The items that were stolen were staff personal items and office equipment itemised below:  
3 library computers, 1 library fax machine, 1 library label printer, 2 library telephones, a first aid kit, cash, a copier/scanner/fax machine, a camera and a ceiling mounted projector.
- (d) \$26,524.00
- (e) No one has been charged with the break-in.
- (f) No one has been convicted of the break-in.

## **Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions**

There were none in 2000-2001, two in 2001-2002, one in 2002-3 and none in 2003-2004.

2001-2002

- a) Canberra office library/administration area, repairs to windows cost \$2878
- b) See a)
- c) 11 personal computers
- d) \$16,148
- e) No
- f) No

2002-2003

- a) Melbourne, damage costs were \$5368.77
- b) See a)
- c) Notebook computer
- d) \$3466
- e) No
- f) No

## **CrimTrac**

Departmental property has been broken into twice. The first was the night of 14 December 2001. The second was on 30 May 2004.

- a) On the night of 14 December 2001 a trespasser accessed the second level of the premises at 243 Northbourne Avenue. There is no evidence suggesting the intruder gained entry to CrimTrac floor space on that level. There was no damage to CrimTrac property. On 30 May 2004 the lock was forced on a door from an external courtyard leading into a CrimTrac ground floor lunchroom.
- b) The break-in of 30 May 2004 damage cost was \$400.
- c) Nothing was stolen in the 2001 incident. In the 2004 break-in, a container of social club funds was stolen.
- d) No cost has been attributed to the 2001 incident. About \$30 cash was in the stolen container in 2004.
- e) No associated charges are known to have been laid over either incident.
- f) Accordingly, there have been no known associated convictions for either incident.

## **Federal Court of Australia**

Refer Attachment D.

## **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission**

Refer Attachment E.

## **Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA)**

ITSA records show that there was only one break-in on ITSA departmental property in the years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04.

One reported break-in occurred in 2002-03.

- a) At the ITSA Sydney office with no damage caused;
- b) There was no damage to ITSA property;
- c) There was no report of theft associated with the break-in;
- d) There was no cost of theft associated with break-in;
- e) No charges were laid; and
- f) No one was convicted of break-in.

## **National Native Title Tribunal**

There were two break-ins recorded, the first in May 2001 and the second in April 2004.

May 2001

- a) NNTT Melbourne Registry
- b) Nil
- c) Four laptop computers
- d) \$17,136
- e) No
- f) No

April 2004.

- a) NNTT Brisbane Registry.
- b) \$500
- c) Cash
- d) \$250
- e) No
- f) No

**ATTACHMENT A**

**QON 30 – AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION**

The Australian Crime Commission was created on 1 January 2003. The following answer also includes its predecessor agencies, the National Crime Authority and the Australian Bureau of Criminal Intelligence, prior to 1 January 2003.

<b>Sydney</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000-01	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001-02	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002-03	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2003-04	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>Melbourne</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000-01	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001-02	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002-03	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2003-04	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>Brisbane</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000-01	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001-02	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002-03	1 - \$300	\$300	Unknown	Nil	No	No
2003-04	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>Adelaide</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000-01	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001-02	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002-03	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2003-04	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>Perth</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000-01	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001-02	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002-03	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2003-04	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>Canberra</b>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000-01	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001-02	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002-03	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2003-04	Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not applicable

**ATTACHMENT B**

**QON 30 – AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE**

**No incidents for fiscal years 2000–01 and 2002–03.**

**Fiscal Year 2001 – 02**

a) location	b) cost of damage	c) subject of theft	d) cost of theft	e) charges	f) convictions
Technical Annex, Canberra		No Theft		None	None

**Fiscal Year 2003 – 04**

a) location	b) cost of damage	c) subject of theft	d) cost of theft	e) charges	f) convictions
Technical Annex, Canberra		No Theft		None	None
Customs Store (NSW)		Approximately 360,000 sticks of cigarette's which were between 2-4 years old		Persons were charged over the matter. They were not Customs employees	Yes They were not Customs employees
Customs Store (NSW)		Cigarettes		Persons were charged over the matter. They were not Customs employees	Yes They were not Customs employees
Customs House, Thursday Island	< \$10	None		None	None
Customs Offices, Pitt Street, Sydney		Personal items and Customs uniform components	< \$50	None	None
40 Allara street, Canberra		None		None	None
Link Road, Mascot		An exchange server (electronic mail server); a backup domain controller; two spare desktop computers; one battery pack	\$2 761	2 Persons charged (not Customs staff)	Yes for both, one to serve community service order, one to serve community service order and with suspended sentence with requirement for counselling

**QON 30 – AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE**

There were no break-ins on departmental property in 2000-01 or 2003-04; one in 2001-02 and four in 2002-03.

April 2002

- a) Belconnen Central Property Office. \$313.50 to repair fence.
- b) Under \$1000.00.
- c) Two car radio cassette players.
- d) Nil, the vehicles were abandoned.
- e) No offender identified.
- f) Nil.

July 2002

- a) Belconnen Central Property Office. \$291.80 to repair fence.
- b) Eight vehicles damaged \$5,842.40.
- c) Four car stereo systems, one set of Mag wheels and tyres.
- d) \$8,479.40.
- e) No offender identified.
- f) Nil.

August/September 2002

- a) Belconnen Central Property Office. Nil.
- b) Eight vehicles damaged \$2,000.00.
- c) Four car stereo systems, one set of Mag wheels and tyres.
- d) Nil
- e) No offender identified.
- f) Nil.

September 2002

- a) Belconnen Central Property Office. \$4,134.84 to repair fence and roller door.
- b) Nil.
- c) Nil.
- d) Nil.
- e) No offenders identified.
- f) Nil.

September 2002

- a) Belconnen Central Property Office. \$156.70 to repair fence.
- b) One vehicle damaged \$120.00.
- c) Nil.
- d) Nil.
- e) No offender identified.
- f) Nil.

Note: Subsequent to the 2002/03 break-ins of the Belconnen Central Property Office, the AFP has initiated a security upgrade of the site and there have to date been nil further incidents.



**ATTACHMENT D**

**QON 30 – FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA**

The following table provides information on departmental property break-ins and the cost of damages and outcome of investigations over the years in question.

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	What was the Location	What was the cost of damages	What was the subject of theft	What was the cost of any theft	Was anyone charged	Was anyone convicted
<b>2000-2001</b>						
SA	Level 9 Grenfell Centre	\$ 600	Notebook Computer Belonging to Council		No	No
<b>2001-2002</b>	Nil					
<b>2002-2003</b>	Nil					
<b>2003-2004</b>	Nil					

**ATTACHMENT E**

**QON 30 – HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

Break-ins on departmental property:

<b>Year</b>	<b>a)</b>	<b>b)</b>	<b>c)</b>	<b>d)</b>	<b>e)</b>	<b>f)</b>
2000 – 2001	Nil					
2001 - 2002	L9 Office, 133 Castlereagh St, Nil	N/A	Laptop	\$4,407	No	No
	L9 Office, 133 Castlereagh St, Nil	N/A	2 x Dell desktop computers 3 x Dell Optiplex, 1 x Dell Precision	\$5 808	No	No
	L9 Office, 133 Castlereagh St, Nil	N/A	330MT, 1 x HP Jomada 720	\$12,310	No	No
2002 – 2003	Nil					
2003 – 2004	Nil					