

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

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Question No. 31

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 2 December 2004:

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?

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 Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

Copyright Tribunal

Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal

Federal Magistrates Court

Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal

High Court of Australia

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

Responses from the Attorney-General's Department and remaining portfolio agencies are set out below.

Attorney-General's Department

YEAR	Number of Incidents	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000 - 01	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2001 - 02	1	Nil	Nil	EMA Mt Macedon	No	No	No
2002 - 03	1	Laptop Computer	\$2600	EMA Mt Macedon	No	No	No
2003 - 04	1	Monitor	\$300	EMA Mt Macedon	No	No	No

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Nil for all years, except 2002-03 when there was one theft of property. The answers a) to f) in relation to this theft are:

- a) The item stolen was a laptop computer.
- b) The value of the stolen computer was \$2,669.
- c) The computer was stolen from a transport company whilst in transit.
- d) No one was charged with the theft.
- e) No one was convicted of the theft.
- f) The computer was not recovered but it was successfully claimed on insurance.

Australian Crime Commission

Refer Attachment A.

Australian Customs Service

Refer Attachment B.

Australian Federal Police

Data held on thefts of departmental property is not in a format readily adaptable to the question and would consequently take an undue diversion of resources to prepare. On this basis it is not proposed to answer this question.

Australian Government Solicitor

Excluding thefts committed during break-ins (see question 30), 1 theft in 2000-01; 3 thefts in 2001-02; nil thefts in 2002-03; nil thefts in 2003-04.

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

Date of incident	a)	b)	c)	d)	e)	f)
2000-01	Laptop computer	\$3000	Boot of AGS leased vehicle in office car park - AGS Sydney	No	No	No
2001-02	TV/video	\$500	AGS Melbourne	No	No	No
2001-02	Laptop computer	\$3805	Mile End, SA	No	No	No
2001-02	CD burner	\$500	AGS Sydney	No	No	No

Australian Institute of Criminology/Criminology Research Council

No theft has occurred other than the items stolen from the break-in on the 26 July 2003 (refer answer to question 30).

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- a) In 2000-01, one unclassified laptop computer was stolen.
- b) \$10 000
- c) The private residence of an employee.
- d) No
- e) No
- f) No

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

There were no thefts in 2000-01, 2001-02, and 2003-04, and one in 2002-03 on 6 August 2002.

- a) Notebook computer
- b) \$3466
- c) employee's home
- d) No
- e) No
- f) No

CrimTrac

There was one theft of departmental property, on 14 May 2002.

- a) A laptop computer was stolen
- b) The stolen item as valued at \$2,652.
- c) The item was stolen from an agency employee's locked vehicle in a Sydney hotel car park.
- d) No charges were laid over the theft.
- e) No-one was convicted of the theft.
- f) The item was recovered.

Family Court of Australia

Refer Attachment C.

Federal Court of Australia

Refer Attachment D.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

Refer Attachment E.

National Native Title Tribunal

There were three thefts of departmental property:

- 1) Nov 2003
 - a) Petty cash
 - b) \$333.50
 - c) NNTT WA Registry, Perth
 - d) No
 - e) No
 - f) No
- 2) Aug 2003
 - a) Ricoh Camera
 - b) \$300
 - c) NNTT employee travelling in rural NSW
 - d) No
 - e) No
 - f) No
- 3) Dec 2000
 - a) Dell Laptop
 - b) \$4,760
 - c) A NNTT Member whilst travelling
 - d) No
 - e) No
 - f) No

Office of Film and Literature Classification

There was one incident of theft of departmental property, in May 2004.

- a) One Gateway Notebook (laptop computer) and one 124 MB Amicroe USB Flash Drive (computer memory stick)
- b) Total value \$3386.78 (individually \$3277.69 and \$109.09 respectively)
- c) Employee's residence
- d) No
- e) Not applicable
- f) No.

ATTACHMENT A

QON 31 –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.

Year	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2000-01	1 xLaptop computer	\$4,350	Sydney	No	No	No
	1 x Palm Organiser	\$727	Sydney	No	No	No
	2 x Cameras	\$3,576	Sydney	No	No	No
	3 x Mobile phones	\$875	Sydney	No	No	No
	Video recorder	\$1,798	Sydney	No	No	No
	2 x Binoculars	\$1465	Sydney	No	No	No
	2 x Misc equipment	\$419	Sydney	No	No	No
	2 x Laptop computers	\$2,405	Melbourne	No	No	No
	1 x Laptop computer	\$2,500	Canberra	No	No	No
	2 x Misc equipment	\$385	Perth	No	No	No
2001-02	Misc equipment	\$199	Adelaide	No	No	No
	1 xLaptop computer	\$1,900	Brisbane	No	No	No
2002-03	Mobile phone	\$200	Coonabarabran	No	No	No
	Computer software	\$500	Melbourne	No	No	No
2003-04	Mobile phone	\$100	Melbourne	Yes NCA Contractor	No	Yes

ATTACHMENT B**QON 31 – AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE****Fiscal Year 2000 – 01**

a) subject	b) value	c) location	d) charges	e) convictions	f) recovered items
1x Customs number badge	< \$5	Customs house, Canberra	None	None	None
1x video camera	< \$800	Customs House, Brisbane	None	None	None
Cash	\$244	Customs House, Brisbane	None	None	None

Fiscal Year 2001 – 02

a) subject	b) value	c) location	d) charges	e) convictions	f) recovered items
National Marine Unit “on call” bag	< \$180	This theft occurred in a Customs officer’s private vehicle	None	None	None
Cash	\$5070.45	Customs House, Sydney	26	1, Customs Employee	Yes
Dog Food	< \$240	Adelaide Airport	None	None	None
Detained Goods	Negligible	Customs House, Melbourne	None	None	Yes
Bullet-proof Vest	\$1200	Customs House, Melbourne	Yes	Yes	Yes
2 x Compaq desktop CPU’s	< \$1800	Sydney Airport	No	No	No

Fiscal Year 2002 – 03

a) subject	b) value	c) location	d) charges	e) convictions	f) recovered items
Bag containing 1x Wallet, 1x Customs mobile phone, 1x Customs ID card, 1x Airport Security Identification Card, 1x set of keys, 1x cab-charge card, personal items	< \$200	Civic, Canberra	None	None	None
1x Desktop PC	< \$1000	Sydney Airport (SKSA)	None	None	None
2x Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags	\$300	Cairns International Terminal building	None	None	None
Access keys	< \$10	Private vehicle, Canberra	None	None	None
1x Customs mobile phone	< \$180	Private vehicle, Pitt Street, Sydney	None	None	None
1x Customs mobile phone	< \$180	Sydney Airport (SKSA)	None	None	None
Customs laptops	-	IT Outsourcer (EDS) premises, Pitt Street, Sydney	None	None	None
Nokia Mobile Phone	\$553.92	Sydney Airport	Yes, AFP	Yes, Customs employee	Yes

Fiscal Year 2003 – 04

a) subject	b) value	c) location	d) charges	e) convictions	f) recovered items
2x Compaq desktop CPU's	< \$2000	Customs office, Mascot	None	None	None
1x Customs ID card	< \$5	Private residence	None	None	None
1x Customs official notebook	< \$5	Private Vehicle	None	None	None
1x Sony Mavica digital camera, 2x batteries, 1x charger	< \$500	Perth International Terminal Building	None	None	None
1x Customs ID card	< \$5	Private residence	None	None	None
2x CCTV cameras	Minimal due to age of equipment	Customs house, Fremantle	Person(s) were charged over the matter. They were not Customs employees	Person(s) were convicted over the matter. They were not Customs employees	2x CCTV cameras
1x Customs ID card	< \$5	Private vehicle	None	None	1x Customs ID card
2x Compaq Servers	\$2,761	Sydney, Link Road offices	Yes, external to Department	Yes, external to Department	2x Compaq Servers
1x Customs mobile phone	< \$150	20 Allara house, Canberra	None	None	None
1x Customs ID card, 1x Airport Security Identification Card, 1x set of access keys	< \$5	Hotel room, Woolloomooloo	None	None	None
1x Battery Pack	-	Sydney, Link Road offices	None	None	None
1x Customs ID card, 1x Airport Security Identification Card, 1x Customs official notebook	< \$10	Sydney Airport (SKSA)	None	None	None
1x Sony digital camera	< \$500	Coff's Harbour Airport	None	None	None
1x Customs laptop	< \$1000	Private residence	None	None	None
1 x mobile phone and OPI Trust card		Private residence	None	None	None

1 x Customs uniform		Private vehicle	None	None	None
1 x Customs laptop and mobile phone		Private residence	None	None	None
1 x Customs laptop	<\$1000	Private residence	None	None	None
1x Customs ID card, 1x Airport Security Identification Card, 1x Customs official notebook	<\$10	Private residence	None	None	None
1 x Customs laptop	<\$1000	Private residence	None	None	None
UHF Radio	\$4400	Thursday Island	None	None	Yes
Video Camera	\$1499	Customs House, Canberra	None	None	None
Cash	\$300	Clyde, NSW	None	None	None
Digital Scales	\$2375	Brisbane	None	None	None
Seized Goods	No value	Victoria	None	None	None
Detailed Goods	No value	Clyde, NSW	None	None	Yes
Detained Goods	No value	Sydney Airport	None	None	None
Training Aid	No value	Victoria	None	None	Yes
Laptop	\$2300	Darwin	None	None	None

ATTACHMENT C

QON 31 – FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

2000-01:

- a) i) 1 Laptop IBM 390E
ii) 1 Laptop ARMADA M700
- b) i) Purchase value: \$6,475
ii) Purchase value: \$8,348
- c) i) Family Court of Australia
ii) Family Court of Australia
- d) No
- e) No
- f) No

2001-02

- a) i) 1 Laptop Dell Latitude XPiCD M166ST
ii) 1 Laptop COMPAQ N600c
iii) Cash
- b) i) Purchase value: \$6,475
ii) Purchase value: \$6,600
iii) \$1,157
- c) i) Family Court of Australia
ii) Family Court of Australia
iii) Family Court of Australia
- d) No
- e) No
- f) No

2002-03

- a) 1 Laptop COMPAQ N600c
- b) Purchase value: \$6,417
- c) Family Court of Australia
- d) No
- e) No
- f) No

2003-04

- a) 1 Laptop COMPAQ ARMADA M700
- b) Purchase value: \$8,348
- c) Family Court of Australia
- d) No
- e) No
- f) No

QON 31 – FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	What was Stolen	What was the Value of Item/s	Where was it stolen from	Was anyone charged	Was anyone convicted	Were any items recovered
2000-2001						
VIC	Nokia 3810 Mobile Telephone	\$450	Staff Members Home	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
NSW	Computer Laptop	\$1,800	Locked Storeroom	No	No	No
WA	Video Camera	\$1,245	Hotel in Kalgoorlie being used as office for Native Title hearing	No	No	No
2001-2002						
VIC	Nokia 3810 Mobile Phone	\$450	Staff Members Car	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
VIC	Palm Pilot M515	\$949	Office	No	No	No
VIC	Nokia 6210 Mobile Telephone	\$99	Staff Members Home	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
2002-2003						
VIC	Palm Pilot IIIX	\$699	Staff Members Home	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
VIC	Dell Latitude C400 Laptop (leased)	\$2,500	Staff Members Home	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
VIC	Nokia 8250	\$450	Staff Members Home	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
VIC	Palm Pilot IIIC	\$699	Staff Members Home	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
VIC	Dell Latitude Laptop C610 (leased)		Staff Members Home	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No
2003-2004						
NSW	Palm Pilot	\$699	Staff Members Car	Not known police do not notify	Not known police do not notify	No

QON 31 - INSOLVENCY AND TRUSTEE SERVICE AUSTRALIA

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA) records show the following incidence of theft on ITSA departmental property:

2000-01: No reports of departmental theft.

2001-02: Two (2) incidences of theft reported:

- 1a) Household items such as CDs, bottles of alcohol and personal items, being seized property under control;
 - b) The value of the apparent stolen items was approximately \$1,500;
 - c) Stolen from the ITSA Brisbane Office at 340 Adelaide Street, Brisbane;
 - d) No one was charged with the theft;
 - e) No one was convicted of the theft; and
 - f) None of the stolen items were recovered.
- 2a) Two notebook computers;
 - b) The value of the apparent stolen items was approximately \$7,000;
 - c) Stolen en route to Secretariat Branch, Canberra;
 - d) No one was charged with the theft;
 - e) No one was convicted of the theft; and
 - f) The supplier replaced the computer equipment with no charge to ITSA.

2002-03 – Three (3) incidences of theft reported:

- 1a) Nokia 3315 mobile phone;
 - b) The value of the apparent stolen items was approximately \$500;
 - c) Stolen from the ITSA Brisbane Office at 340 Adelaide Street, Brisbane;
 - d) No one was charged with the theft;
 - e) No one was convicted of the theft; and
 - f) The stolen item was not recovered.
- 2a) Nokia 5110 mobile phone;
 - b) The value of the apparent stolen items was approximately \$500;
 - c) Stolen from the ITSA Brisbane Office at 340 Adelaide Street, Brisbane;
 - d) No one was charged with the theft;
 - e) No one was convicted of the theft; and
 - f) The stolen item was not recovered.
- 3a) Compaq Deskpro computer and 2 Dell GX150 computers;
 - b) The value of the apparent stolen items was approximately \$2,000;
 - c) Stolen from the ITSA Melbourne office;
 - d) No one was charged with the theft;
 - e) No one was convicted of the theft; and
 - f) The stolen items were not recovered.

2003-04 – Two (2) incidences of theft reported:

- 1a) 4 Lexmark T520/T522 laser printer toners and Ricoh toners for 2100L fax machine;
 - b) The value of the stolen items was approximately \$1,200;
 - c) Stolen from the ITSA Sydney Office;
 - d) No one was charged with the theft;
 - e) No one was convicted of the theft; and
 - f) The stolen items were not recovered.
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- 2a) Two E322 and 2 T522 Lexmark toner cartridges;
 - b) The value of the stolen items was approximately \$1,000;
 - c) Stolen from the ITSA Sydney Office;
 - d) No one was charged with the theft;
 - e) No one was convicted of the theft; and
 - f) The stolen items were not recovered.