

Appendix E – Loss of IT Equipment from Commonwealth Agencies, 1998 - 2003

Agency	Laptops	Desktops	Other Hardware
Attorney-General's Department	60	30	22
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	16	15	0
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	7	5	1
Department of Defence	537 ¹		16
Department of Education, Science and Training	24	3	7
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	19	1	24
Department of Environment and Heritage	75	7	4
Department of Family and Community Services	117	94	5
Department of Finance and Administration	11	15	19
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	79	95	24
Department of Health and Ageing	73	37	22
Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	48 ²		5
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources ³	138	42	22
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	29	2	0
Department of Transport and Regional Services	88	12	0
Department of Veterans' Affairs	16	0	2
Treasury	185	19	2

 Table 1
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Source On 16 September 2003, a letter was sent to the secretaries of all Government departments, requesting information on losses of IT equipment and breaches of security since July 1998. This table summarises their responses.

1 The Department of Defence reports losing 521 computers, laptops and related hardware, but could not break the figures down further. The Defence Housing Authority reports losing a further 13 laptops and 3 desktops.

- 2 The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs reports losing 48 complete hardware systems, but could not break the figures down further.
- 3 64 of these items were lost from the CSIRO.