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Question: Supp 28

Topic: ABS - 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)?

Answer:

There were 2 break ins in 2000-2001 and 1 in 2002-2003. The damage bills for these break-ins were all borne by the building owners and their respective insurance companies. The cost to the ABS was \$4,632 for the theft of one Notebook PC.

Details are provided below:

Year	Location	Cost of Damage	Subject of Theft	Cost of Theft	Anyone Charged	Anyone Convicted
2000-2001	Central Office	No cost to ABS	Laptop Computer	\$4,632	No	No
	Victorian Office	No cost to ABS	No Theft	NIL	No	No
2001-2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002-2003	Central Office	No cost to ABS	No Theft	NIL	No	No
2003-2004	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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?

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- 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?

Answer:

There were 10 thefts in 2000-2001, 13 in 2001-2002, 15 in 2002-2003 and 10 in 2003-2004.

Details of each incident are provided below:

Year	Item Number	Location	Subject of Theft	Item Value	Anyone Charged	Anyone Convicted	Item Recovered
2000-2001	1	ABS Premises	Answering Machine	NIL	No	No	No
	2	Home	Building Key/ID Pass	\$40	No	No	No
	3	Motor Vehicle	ID Pass	\$20	No	No	No
	4	ABS Premises	Memory Stick	\$500	No	No	No
	5	Home	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	6	ABS Premises	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	7	ABS Premises	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	8	Uni Campus	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	9	ABS Premises	Laptop Computer	\$4,632	No	No	No
	10	ABS Premises	Laptop Computer	\$3,107	No	No	No
Year	Item Number	Location	Subject of Theft	Item Value	Anyone Charged	Anyone Convicted	Item Recovered
2001-2002	1	Street	Building Key/ID Pass	\$40	No	No	Yes
	2	ABS Premises	Computer	\$2,500	No	No	No
	3	Home	Interviewer Documents	NIL	No	No	Yes
	4	ABS Premises	LitePro Projector	\$2,000	No	No	No
	5	ABS Premises	LitePro Projector Leads	\$500	No	No	No
	6	ABS Premises	Microwave	\$500	No	No	Yes
	7	ABS Premises	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	8	Hotel	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	9	Overnight Mail Bag	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	10	ABS Premises	Laptop Computer	\$3,270	No	No	No
	11	Home	Laptop Computer	\$3,270	No	No	No
	12	ABS Premises	Tape Player	\$2,184	No	No	No
	13	ABS Premises	Telephone Headsets and Amplifiers	\$2,000	No	No	No
Year	Item Number	Location	Subject of Theft	Item Value	Anyone Charged	Anyone Convicted	Item Recovered
2002-2003	1	Motor Vehicle	Briefcase	NIL	No	No	No
	2	ABS Premises	Cheques	\$2,221	No	No	No
	3	Home	ID Pass	\$20	No	No	No
	4	ABS Premises	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No

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	5	ABS Premises	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	6	ABS Premises	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	7	ABS Premises	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	8	Home	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	9	Home	PC Charger	\$20	No	No	No
	10	ABS Premises	Laptop Computer	\$1,950	No	No	No
	11	Motor Vehicle	Laptop Computer	\$650	No	No	No
	12	Hotel	Laptop Computer	\$1,408	No	No	No
	13	Home	Laptop Computer	\$1,517	No	No	No
	14	Home	Laptop Computer	\$1,408	No	No	No
	15	Home	Laptop Computer	\$1,836	No	No	No
Year	Item Number	Location	Subject of Theft	Item Value	Anyone Charged	Anyone Convicted	Item Recovered
2003-2004	1	ABS Premises	Chairs	NIL	No	No	Yes
	2	Not Known	Cheque	NIL	No	No	Yes
	3	Home	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	4	Motor Vehicle	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	5	Motor Vehicle	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	6	Motor Vehicle	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	7	Hotel	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No	No
	8	Home	Laptop Computer	\$2,595	No	No	No
	9	Home	Laptop Computer	\$2,634	No	No	No
	10	ABS Premises	Safety Gloves	NIL	No	No	No

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)?
- f) Were any of the defrauded items or was any of the defrauded money recovered?

Answer:

There were no incidents in 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. There were 3 incidents in 2003-2004.

Details are provided below:

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Year	Item Number	Administrative Unit	Subject of Fraud	Value	Anyone Charged	Anyone Convicted	Item Recovered
2003-2004	1	Northern Territory Office	Credit Card Use	\$212	No	No	Yes
	2	Victorian Office	Credit Card Use	\$1,382	No	No	Yes
	3	New South Wales Office	Credit Card Use	\$704	No	No	Yes

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:
- What was the loss in each instance?
 - What was the value of the loss?
 - Which administrative unit lost the property?
 - Were any of the lost item/s recovered?
 - Was anyone disciplined over the loss?

Answer:

There were 8 losses in 2000-2001, 8 in 2001-2002, 13 in 2002-2003 and 12 in 2003-2004.

Details of each incident are provided below:

Year	Item Number	Administrative Unit	Subject of Loss	Item Value	Anyone Disciplined	Item Recovered
2001-2002	1	Economic Statistics Group	Building Key	NIL	No	No
	2	Information Management Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	3	Not available	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	4	Information Management Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	5	Corporate Services Division	ID Pass	\$20	No	Yes
	6	Technology Services Division	Palm Pilot	NIL	No	No
	7	Technology Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	8	Technology Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
Year	Item Number	Administrative Unit	Subject of Loss	Item Value	Anyone Disciplined	Item Recovered
2002-2003	1	Information Management Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	2	Economic Statistics Group	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	3	Corporate Services Division	TeleVideo Unit	\$500	No	No
	4	Corporate Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	5	Technology Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	6	Technology Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	7	Not available	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	8	Not available	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	9	Information Management Division	Laptop Computer	\$3,532	No	Yes
	10	Technology Services Division	Mobile Phone Sim Card	NIL	No	No
	11	Technology Services Division	ID Pass	\$20	No	No
	12	Technology Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No

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Year	Item Number	Administrative Unit	Subject of Loss	Item Value	Anyone Disciplined	Item Recovered
	13	Population Statistics Group	Mobile Phone	NIL	No	No
2003-2004	1	Economic Statistics Group	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	2	Corporate Services Division	Building Key	NIL	No	No
	3	Corporate Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	4	Economic Statistics Group	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	5	Information Management Division	Internet Disk	NIL	No	No
	6	Not available	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	7	Not available	Laptop Computer	\$3,408	No	No
	8	Corporate Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	9	Corporate Services Division	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	10	Economic Statistics Group	Mobile Phone	\$50	No	No
	11	Information Management Division	Insulation Tester	\$500	No	No
	12	Technology Services Division	Laptop Computer	\$2,955	No	No

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)?

Answer:

(a) Each incident is summarised in the table below:

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2000.01		2001.02		2002.03		2003.04	
Incident	Cost \$	Incident	Cost \$	Incident	Cost \$	Incident	Cost \$
1	818	1	1,716	1	540	1	1,287
2	558	2	3,388	2	1,341	2	34,377
3	1,133	3	1,000	3	4,731	3	596
4	957	4	996	4	1,604	4	473
5	672	5	827	5	786	5	1,141
6	21,726	6	811	6	3,221	6	562
7	763	7	869	7	608	7	872
8	345	8	763	8	588	8	440
9	582	9	4,180	9	1,283	9	1,960
10	1,431	10	704	10	662	10	4,772
11	11,206	11	1,825	11	721	11	992
12	1,967	12	1,100	12	2,283	12	1,470
13	784	13	3,218	13	1,660	13	70
14	1,256	14	573	14	2,303	14	856
15	848	15	85	15	1,413	15	910
16	2,144	16	778	16	1,210	16	2,543
17	704	17	721	17	984	17	2,730
18	6,171	18	601	18	1,457	18	90
19	715	19	873	19	3,158	19	22,371
20	2,575	20	2,029	20	836	20	1,992
21	1,429	21	607	21	1,703	21	1,101
22	1,025	22	4,287	22	1,136	22	1,352
23	314	23	581	23	100	23	1,913
24	688	24	825	24	541	24	533
25	1,454	25	270	25	592	25	2,607
26	1,326	26	614	26	523	Total	88,013
27	13,050	27	791	27	95		
28	1,122	28	3,826	28	1,061		
29	1,022	29	682	29	573		
30	496	30	35	30	1,200		
31	1,218	31	482	Total	38,914		
32	854	32	1,500				
33	813	33	20				
34	1,125	34	1,298				
35	1,093	35	645				
36	1,098	36	1,231				
37	80	37	1,202				
38	1,200	38	1,657				
39	2,498	39	1,699				
Total	89,258	40	708				
		41	2,331				
		42	1,474				
		43	5,135				
		Total	58,956				

(b) Each incident relates to a vehicle attached to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, which is an administrative unit in the Treasury portfolio.

(c) Not known. Charges relating to accidents involving ABS vehicles are most often a matter between the police and the driver.