

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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MR HORAN asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR PALASZCZUK)—

QUESTION:

For 2004-05 will he provide details on (a) the number of assets that have been written off the capital items register, (b) a description of each asset that has been written off the capital items register, (c) the total value of assets written off the capital items register and (d) the reason why each asset has been written off the capital items register?

ANSWER:

During 2004-05 the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) implemented a significant asset replacement program which has resulted in an increase in asset disposal in non-performing assets.

Implementation of this program followed a comprehensive survey by the department of its existing asset base and an assessment of future asset and infrastructure needs to support the delivery of services across the State. The program provides for the replacement of assets that have reached the end of their useful life during 2004-05, as well as additional approvals for the acquisition of necessary plant and equipment to meet planned service delivery needs.

A total of 556 non-current fixed assets with a total written down value of \$213,768 including assets with a written down value of zero, have been written off the Department's capital asset register during 2004-05. These items consist of:

Asset class	Quantity
Boats and boating equipment	8
Building and building improvements	10
Computer and other IT infrastructure	342
Heavy plant	10
Land	1
Land improvements	2
Motor vehicles	2
Office furniture and equipment	62
Scientific equipment	116
Leasehold improvements	2
Computer software	1

Of the above items, all but nine items were past their useful life or no longer used by the department with a number of items (particularly computers) donated to various organisations. Nine items were listed as stolen and were reported to the police.