

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT FACTS



Nationally there were an average of **143** thefts per day in 2015.



It is estimated that **one in every 111 WA households** experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2014/15. (This compares to 1 in 167 households nationally).



The number of profit motivated PLC thefts in 2015 is almost equivalent to the Australian Government's total PLC fleet and is valued at **\$108 million**.



The total estimated value of profit motivated plant and equipment thefts in 2015 was **\$16 million** and heavy truck were worth a further **\$14 million**.



There were **115 different motorcycle makes** stolen in 2015 compared to 61 in 2005. This adds to the complexity of motorcycle investigation and recovery.



The CARS theft risk rating of almost 1,000 different PLC make/model combinations reveals that **41%** had a medium or high risk of theft in 2014/15.



If each car had half a tank of petrol when it was stolen, the profit motivated PLC thefts also involved almost **\$396,000** worth of stolen petrol in 2015. This is enough to drive 3.4 million kms or 84 times around the world.



On average, an estimated **20** passenger and light commercial vehicles are **stolen and exported** from Australia each week.



Three in ten vehicle fires attended by NSW fire authorities in 2014/15 were stolen vehicles.



Nationally there are over **2.3 million** registered PLCs with **no immobiliser** making them less secure than newer vehicles.



An estimated **49 PLCs** are stolen each week in Australia and illegally **converted to scrap metal**.



If all the vehicles stolen and not recovered in Australia in 2015 were parked end to end they would create a traffic jam stretching **76 kms** or the distance from Sydney to Gosford.