Nationally there were an average of 147 thefts per day in 2018. It is estimated that one in every 125 WA households experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2018. (This compares to 1 in 165 households nationally).

The number of profit motivated PLC thefts in 2018 is almost equivalent to the number of PLC registrations in postcode 2300 (Newcastle, NSW). The total estimated value of profit motivated plant and equipment thefts in 2017/18 was $20 million and heavy truck were worth a further $15 million.

There were 115 different motorcycle makes stolen in 2018 compared to 101 in 2008. 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 45% had a medium or high risk of theft in 2017/18.

If each car had half a tank of petrol when it was stolen, the profit motivated PLC thefts also involved $413,000 worth of stolen petrol in 2018. This is enough to drive 3.0 million kms or 78 times around the world. On average, an estimated 72 passenger and light commercial vehicles are stolen and exported from Australia each week.

1 in 4 vehicle fires attended by NSW fire authorities in 2017/18 were stolen vehicles. Nationally there are nearly 1.6 million registered PLCs with no immobiliser making them less secure than newer vehicles.

An estimated 45 PLCs are stolen each week in Australia and illegally converted to scrap metal. If all the vehicles stolen and not recovered in Australia in 2017/18 were parked end to end they would create a traffic jam stretching 71 kms or the distance from Sydney to Gosford.