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Positive Movement in Palmerston Crime Stats

Palmerston was the only Territory centre to record overall falls in property crimes and offences against the person in the last quarter.

The Crime and Justice statistics for the December 2007 quarter are based on offences recorded in the Territory police case management system PROMIS.

The Justice Minister Chris Burns said there was a 22% decrease in offences against the person in the December quarter compared to the September quarter.

“This was underlined by a 71% drop in sexual assaults and a 19% reduction in assaults,” Dr Burns said.

“There were also no recordings of murder, attempted murder and manslaughter in that period.

“On top of that, there was a 2% fall in overall property offences.

“The stand-out figure in this category was a 31% fall in house break-ins.

The fall in Palmerston’s crime rate in the December quarter is part of a long-term decrease that shows a 33% drop in property offences since 2001.


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