Despite introducing laws that mean anybody who buys alcohol must produce a driver’s license, Labor’s grog bans have seen no decrease in violent assaults in the Northern Territory.

Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, said the Chief Minister is conning Territorians that his grog bans are having a significant impact on alcohol-related crime.

In July to December 2010 there were 3373 violent assaults in the Northern Territory. A year later there were 3384.

“During today’s Question Time, the Chief Minister repeatedly refused to answer my question about the number of assaults in the Territory for the September and December quarters last year,” Mr Mills said.

“The reason for this refusal became evident with the release of the Alcohol Reform Report from July to December 2011 which showed the lack of improvement in levels of violent crime.

“The Alcohol Reform Report shows the Government’s Banned Drinker Register are not working. The Government is trying to con Territorians that the grog bans are reducing violent crime, because they’re not.

“The report also shows that most problem drunks are still getting alcohol, despite the grog restrictions.

“At the end of December, 287 Territorians had breached one Banning Alcohol and Treatment (BAT) Notice, 470 people breached a second BAT Notice and 305 breached a third BAT Notice.

“This is confirmation that problem drunks will get alcohol, no matter what bans are in place.

“In Government, the Country Liberals will scrap the Banned Drinker Register and deal with anti-social and criminal behavior by putting in place measures to get those who have a problem with alcohol into rehabilitation.”

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