GILES BROKEN PROMISE ON CRIME

The Shadow Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gunner today said the Giles Government had broken its promise to reduce the crime rate in the Territory by 10 per cent a year.

He said Adam Giles assertion that there had been a drop in assaults in the four months to April compared to last year ignored the fact that assault rates were still well above the rate when Mr Giles took office.

"The fact is 2013-2014 has been the most violent 12 months in the Territory's history," Mr Gunner said.

"The abandonment of the banned drinker register opened the flood gates to more alcohol fueled violence and the Chief Minister is to blame."

He said the Chief Minister needed to replace spin with a sense of reality.

"Until such time as the Giles Government accepts its policies on alcohol's link to violence and crime have failed the Territory will continue to suffer."

He said this was exacerbated by the recent CLP budget.

"Violent assaults are up by 12 percent and the CLP’s response has been to rip $12 million out of the police budget.

“It means the CLP will also break their promise to recruit 120 extra police.

“The CLP cuts to policing will lead to recruitment freezes or delays – the CLP did this in the 90s and the lack of enough experienced police in the force was felt for decades.

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