MORE WILL BE DONE TO COMBAT CRIME IN ALICE

The Northern Territory Government and Police will escalate efforts to combat crime in Alice Springs following the results of the latest NT Crime and Justice Statistics.

The September 2005 quarter edition of the Quarterly Crime and Justice Statistics were released today by the Office of Crime Prevention and are based on recorded offences from police data.

Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne said in the year-on-year comparisons overall property offences rose three percent while overall offences against the person were up nine percent.

“The increase in ‘Offences Against the Person’ can be partly attributed to increased policing of the ‘Breach Domestic Violence Order’,” Dr Toyne said.

“This has included police targeting offenders and the adoption of a zero tolerance approach by the Domestic and Personal Violence Protection Unit.

“This has resulted in more perpetrators of these crimes being punished and greater protection for the victims of these attacks.

“The Police will continue to tackle this problem and the latest statistics will be used to target problem areas and troublemakers,” Dr Toyne said.

Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne said while the recorded offences have increased over the last 12 months, crime is still well below what Alice Springs faced when we started this campaign.

“In the corresponding 12 month period in 200/2001 there were 1144 offences against the person compared to 947 over the last four quarters – that’s a 17% drop.

“The picture is even clearer for property crime – In the corresponding 12 month period in 200/2001 there were 3813 offences compared to 2898 over the last four quarters – that’s a 24% drop.
SOME KEY FINDINGS

Year-to-Year comparisons (Oct03-Sept04 compared to Oct04-Sept05):
- sexual assaults – 3 less offences
- assaults – 82 more offences
- house break-ins – 40 more offences
- property damage offences – 30 more offences
- motor vehicle theft and related offences – 3 more offences

Quarter-to-Quarter comparisons (Jun05 quarter compared to Sept05 quarter):
- total number of offences against the person – 11 more offences
- total number of property offences – 86 less offences

FOR A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE STATISTICS, SEE THE MEDIA RELEASES FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION OR GO TO www.crimeprevention.nt.gov.au

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