Sexual Assaults Continue to Fall in Darwin

The latest crime figures show sexual assaults continued to fall in Darwin during the March quarter.

The Crime and Justice statistics are based on offences recorded in the Territory police reporting system PROMIS.

The Justice Minister Peter Toyne said there were 16 fewer sexual assaults in the year-to-year comparisons.

"We have done the hard work in tackling these sorts of offences and the good dividends continue to pay off," he said.

Dr Toyne said commercial break-ins had dropped to 447 from 473 while motor vehicle theft and related offences were down 26 offences to 825 in the yearly comparisons.

"The reporting of overall offences against the person and assault rose, mainly due to the police force's focus on domestic violence and its Violent Crime Reduction Strategy.

"By their very nature, these targeted campaigns attract higher figures. As with the campaign focusing on sexual assault, I would expect the statistics to get worse before they get better.

"I am confident with a protracted police emphasis, coupled with the Government's new anti-social behaviour and volatile substance abuse legislations the statistics for violent crime can be turned around."

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