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Alice assaults up by 15% from last year

There was a 15 per cent increase in assaults recorded in Alice Springs in the September quarter compared with the same period last year, according to the Member for Araluen Jodeen Carney.

Ms Carney said the latest NT Quarterly Crime and Justice Statistics for the three months July, August and September revealed there had been 239 recorded assault offences.

“This is more than two assaults every single day for the three-month period,” Ms Carney said.

“Many constituents tell me that crime is out of control in Alice and I tend to agree with them. In fact I wonder whether these figures tell the whole story or whether there are many more crimes being committed that do not make their way into these reports.

“The number of break-ins to commercial or other premises soared by 71 per cent.

“Small businesses have to work so hard just to survive and when they are faced with a break-in or vandalism it makes it so much more difficult.

“The Police Minister has a lot to answer for as crime is a growing problem for Territorians. The reality is the Government must go back to the drawing board in its fight against crime.”

The Office of Crime Prevention’s September report also revealed house break-ins were up a staggering 40 per cent compared with the same period last year. Motor vehicle theft also rose – by 22 per cent – over the previous year.