Mixed Results for Alice Crime Stats

The latest crime statistics show all but one category of offences against the person have fallen in Alice Springs.

The Crime and Justice statistics for the December 2007 quarter are based on offences recorded in the Territory police case management system PROMIS.

The Justice Minister Chris Burns said there were no murders, attempted murders, manslaughters or robberies in December 2007.

“There was also a significant fall of 33% in sexual assaults and 22% fewer other offences against the person,” Dr Burns said.

“It’s disappointing – given the falls in the other categories – that assaults continue to rise.”

The number of property offences was up 5% or 45 offences in the December quarter compared to the September quarter. This was offset by reduction of 5% or 49 offences in December 2007 compared to December 2006.

“We know that many crimes are alcohol-related. The Territory Government has introduced measures to curb alcohol abuse, including declaring Alice Springs “dry”, Alcohol Courts and introducing restrictions on the quantity and type of alcohol.

“We have also put more police on the beat, made parents more accountable for their children and are exploring the option of a youth camp in Central Australia.”

“These initiatives will take time to provide results. In the meantime, we will continue to work with the community to find ways to tackle violent and criminal behaviour.”


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