Downturn in Tennant Assaults

Tennant Creek has recorded a 7% drop in the number of crimes against the person, according to the latest crime statistics.

The Crime and Justice statistics for the March 2008 quarter are based on offences recorded in the Territory police case management system PROMIS.

The Justice Minister Chris Burns said the fall in the quarterly comparison was underpinned by a 57% reduction in sexual assaults, and a 6% fall in general assaults.

“The Territory Government’s tough-on-crime policy seems to be paying dividends in some areas,” Dr Burns said.

“We have more than 200 extra police and another 60 on the way.

“The additional police are backed up by tough new laws and targeted programs.”

Dr Burns said he was especially pleased to see house break-ins reduced by more than half to 12 in the quarterly comparison.

“Unfortunately all other property offences recorded rises in the March quarter compared to the December quarter.

“This is in contrast to the long-term comparison which shows 392 fewer property offences were recorded in the year ending March 2008 compared to the year ending March 2002.

“I know police have targeted campaigns to combat property crime. I would hope the rise in property offences this quarter is an aberration.

“The Territory Government will continue to work hard to bring down crime levels through increased resources and new laws.”

The March 2008 quarter crime statistics are available at:

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