Katherine Assaults Crash

Offences against the person have fallen significantly in Katherine, 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 Katherine recorded a 22% reduction in crimes against the person – the largest percentage reduction in this category of offences in the NT.

Dr Burns said all but two types of these offences recorded falls.

“The drop in crimes against the person was led by a reduction of 73% or 8 fewer sexual assaults during the March quarter,” he said.

“The Territory Government is tough on crime with more than 200 extra police and another 60 on the way.

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

“This focus on crime and anti-social behaviour seems to be having a positive effect on some offences.”

Dr Burns said overall property crime had risen slightly with 7 more offences in the March quarter compared to the December quarter.

In the six-yearly comparison, property crime continued to show significant falls with a 15% reduction in the year ending March 2008 compared to the year ending March 2002.

“The Territory Government is committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and we will continue to provide the resources and initiatives to do so,” Dr Burns said.

The March 2008 quarter crime statistics are available at:

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