LISTENING TO SMALL BUSINESS

Terry Mills, the Leader of the Opposition, will be visiting small businesses in Alice Springs during the next two days to gauge how this important sector is travelling.

“One particular area I'll be concentrating on is the impact of crime rates in Alice Springs on their viability,” says Terry Mills.

“Last year I spent a lot of time visiting businesses in Darwin asking them about the impact of the surging crime rate.

“It was invaluable finding out first hand how businesses were being undermined by a daily battle against theft, vandalism and violence.

“The task of running a small business is tough enough without having to deal with brazen lawless behaviour.

“The lessons I learnt led to a significant strengthening of my law and order platform in the lead up to the Territory election.

“I hope to get a better understanding of the specific issues facing Alice Springs businesses during the next couple of days.

“The fact commercial break-ins in Alice Springs have risen by a disgraceful157% in the last 6 years is an obvious point of concern.

“The potential for crime rates to impact upon Alice’s important tourist market is also something I'll be discussing with business.”

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