June Quarter Crime Statistics Released

New crime and justice figures show the number of assaults dropped by 15 per cent across the Territory in the June quarter – the lowest level since September 2009.

The Minister for Justice and Attorney-General, Delia Lawrie, welcomed the decrease and said assaults had dropped in most regional centres for the quarter.

“It’s pleasing that in Darwin assaults have dropped 24 per cent, 17 per cent in Palmerston, 18 per cent in Alice Springs, 19 per cent in Katherine and 48 per cent Nhulunbuy,” Ms Lawrie said.

“However disappointing alcohol continues to be involved with 59 per cent of all assaults across the Territory which remains too high.

“That’s why the Henderson Government has said Enough is Enough and is rolling out some of the toughest actions in the nation to reduce alcohol misuse and associated violence and crime.

“This quarter also saw a 10 per cent drop in property crimes including a 22 per cent drop in house break-ins and a 4 per cent reduction in commercial break-ins.

“However attempted house break-ins have increased across the Territory which is why it’s important that Territorians make sure their homes are properly secured as we head into the Christmas New Year holiday period.

“Importantly Police note that many cars are being stolen particularly when thieves are breaking into a home, stealing the keys and then car.

“I encourage everyone to ensure their homes, cars and car keys are properly secured and stored safely.”

The Crime and Justice Statistics for the June 2010 quarter are based on offences recorded in the Territory Police case management system PROMIS.
**Darwin**

Assaults dropped 24 per cent in the quarter and have dropped 3 per cent in the year to June. Recorded assaults in Darwin are the lowest since September 2009.

Overall offences against the person have decreased 23 per cent in the quarter and are down 2 per cent for the year to June.

The number of alcohol related assaults remains unchanged at 56 per cent while 29 per cent were domestic violence related in the year to June.

Property offences were 7 per cent lower for the quarter with a 40 per cent drop in house break-ins with a 22 per cent increase in commercial break-ins.

**Palmerston**

There was a 17 per cent decrease in assaults recorded in the quarter with offences against the person dropping 14 per cent.

Of the assaults recorded in the year to June, alcohol was involved in 51 per cent while 49 per cent were domestic violence related.

Property offences decreased by 27 per cent over the quarter, with house break-ins dropping by 34 per cent while commercial break-ins increased by 54 per cent.

**Alice Springs**

There was an 18 per cent decrease in assaults recorded in the quarter which are lowest since September 2009.

Of the assaults recorded in the year to June, alcohol was involved in 66 per cent while 56 per cent were domestic violence related.

Property offences increased marginally over the quarter, with house break-ins increasing 27 per cent and commercial break-ins dropping by 2 per cent.

**Katherine**

Assaults dropped by 19 per cent in the June quarter to the lowest levels since September 2008.

In the year to June alcohol was involved in 76 per cent of all assaults recorded in Katherine while 57 per cent of assaults were domestic violence related.

House break-ins increased 23 per cent for the quarter while commercial break-ins dropped 23 per cent.
**Tennant Creek**

Assaults increased 14 per cent in the quarter with 76 per cent recorded as being alcohol related while 68 per cent of assaults were related to domestic violence.

Property offences dropped 44 per cent in the quarter with a 75 per cent decrease in house break-ins and a 51 per cent decrease in commercial break-ins.

**Nhulunbuy**

Assaults dropped 25 per cent in the quarter and have decreased 11 per cent in the year to June.

Of the assaults recorded in the year to June, 68 per cent were alcohol related while 35 per cent were domestic violence related.

Property offences were up for the quarter but continue to trend down dropping 11 per cent in the year to June with a 42 per cent drop in house break-ins and a 11 per cent drop in commercial break-ins.

**Balance**

Assaults decreased by 6 cent in the quarter to their lowest levels since September 2008.

Alcohol was involved in 45 per cent of all assaults with 66 per cent of assaults domestic violence related.

Property offences dropped 12 per cent for the quarter however house break-ins increased 14 per cent while commercial break-ins dropped 25 per cent.

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