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MYSTERY SURROUNDS MISSING CRIME STATS

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The Labor Government must explain why it hasn’t released the last two quarterly crime statistics or produced any crime data over the past six months. Shadow Attorney General, John Elferink, said the last figures published date back to June 2010. “That means the release of the September and December quarter statistics are six and three months late respectively,” Mr Elferink said “The Government must say whether it plans to continue releasing the crime statistics every three months or whether it is considering releasing them every year. “If not, it must explain why it has been more than six months since the last statistics were released. “The Government can’t simply refuse to release the crime statistics because they’re afraid of bad news. “They should certainly be released by the time the Estimates Committee hearings get underway in June and at this stage they seem to be holding off to avoid Opposition scrutiny. “Since September 2002, when the statistics were first published, violent crime in the Northern Territory has increased by 89%.” (See attached graph) Further comment: John Elferink 0418 406 400