The Chief Minister’s sudden conversion to ‘zero tolerance’ policing in Alice Springs is too little, too late.

Labor has had 11 years to do something about rising levels of crime in Alice Springs – but it finally acts just 10 weeks out from a Territory election.

Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, said the Chief Minister’s latest posturing is a joke.

“Instead of empty rhetoric, the Chief Minister should lift the Country Liberals’ policy and immediately put an additional 20 police on the beat in Alice Springs.

“Talk is cheap – what Alice Springs needs is a real financial commitment to back up the rhetoric.

“Alice Springs is a victim of the Labor Government’s financial mismanagement.

“The recent assaults on visitors in Alice Springs are part of a pattern of lawlessness that this Government has been powerless to stop.

“Alice Springs is littered with the remains of failed Government initiatives – but what is needed is more police.

“Labor has neglected Alice Springs and the town’s residents are paying the price.”

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