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CHERRY PICKING THE CRIME STATS

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“Not content with banning the release of quarterly crime statistics until after the next election, now the Territory Government is cherry-picking crime data to justify its alcohol restrictions,” says Shadow Alcohol Policy Minister, Peter Styles.

“This is another shameful attempt by the Government to justify forcing everybody to produce photo ID when they want to buy alcohol.

“The Government claims the data shows a significant decline in alcohol related assaults.

“What it actually shows is a significant decline in Labor’s credibility because the recorded assaults the Government’s supplied end on September 25th 2011 – rather than the end of the month.

“This means that scores of assaults which occur each day across the Territory haven’t been included in the Government’s figures.

“The figures also show that none of the people placed on the Banned Drinkers Register have received alcohol rehabilitation.

“The Government also neglects to say how many people on the Register have been placed in Protective Custody.

“Mandatory rehabilitation is a key plank in the Country Liberals’ plan to reduce alcohol related crime. As far as Labor’s concerned, it’s an afterthought.”

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