PROPERTY CRIME REDUCES IN ALICE SPRINGS

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The latest crime statistics reveal property offences in Alice Springs have decreased by 21.9 per cent compared to the same time last year, making it the lowest March quarter since 2009.

Attorney-General John Elferink said there were 332 less property offences in Alice Springs in the March 2013 quarter compared to the same quarter in 2012.

“The number of break-ins to commercial property has also significantly decreased by 38.8 per cent, dropping from 152 in the March 2012 quarter to 93 in the March 2013 quarter,” Mr Elferink said.

“A virtually unchanged number of offences against the person in Alice Springs is further proof the former Labor Government’s Banned Drinker Register (BDR) did not work. There were 557 offences against the person in the March 2012 quarter (BDR) and 556 offences against the person in the March 2013 quarter (no BDR).

“Under the Country Liberals Government, Police have been active and visible in the community and continue to conduct operations to target offenders and reduce crime.

“Operations Kawana and Skyfall were in force from November through to March and were dedicated to ensuring public order, a decrease in antisocial behaviour, and a reduction of unlawful alcohol consumption in Alice Springs.

“Strike Force Vega, also in operation during February and March this year, detected 279 offences in an effort to reduce overall property crime in Alice Springs, with Police sending a clear message to offenders that crime will not be tolerated.

“The Country Liberals Government’s commitment towards a proactive police force, positive legislation and effective policies is aimed at creating a safer community for all Territorians,” Mr Elferink said.

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