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A significant increase in the forfeiture of crime-related assets over the last financial year has signalled the Country Liberals Government's tough approach to those who break the law.

Figures released today show more than $3.6 million of crime-used and crime-derived property was forfeited in the last financial year, compared with $825,865 in 2011-12.

Attorney-General John Elferink said the property was seized under the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and includes items owned or controlled, or previously owned by persons involved in criminal activity.

"The legislation ensures offenders do not profit from the crimes they commit," Mr Elferink said.

"Assets forfeiture is a means to give back to the community who have endured negative consequences for offences committed by foolish individuals.

“This should serve as a warning to offenders that they will not profit at society’s expense,” Mr Elferink said.

Property forfeited in the 2012-13 financial year includes:
- 8 properties worth more than $3.4 million;
- 4 motor vehicles worth more than $36,000; and
- Cash to the total of $127,000.

Mr Elferink said the Country Liberals Government is committed to reducing crime across the Territory and will continue to target offenders.

"Law and order and community safety remains a top priority of this Government." Mr Elferink said.

Items regularly forfeited under the Criminal Property Forfeiture Act include property (land and house), motor vehicles, cash, and money often held in bank accounts.

Sales are administered through the Public Trustee and items are sold at the earliest possible time.

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