Under the Country Liberals property crime has hit a 14 year low and Budget 2014 will build on that success by giving our Police and justice agencies the tools they need to protect the community.

“The Country Liberals take law and order seriously and our policies are delivering by driving down crime. We’re investing in the resources and infrastructure our Police Force needs to push those figures down further,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

The Government is spending $9 million to move the Alice Springs Police Station into a new, custom-designed home in the Greatorex Building.

“The current facilities are no longer adequate for the additional Police we have recruited to Alice Springs. This new, state of the art facility will bring various Police units back under one roof in the town’s Justice Precinct,” Mr Giles said.

“The new Station will provide improved IT services and the flexibility of extra space to cater for joint investigations by different police units. The modern facility will also offer new equipment and training facilities, as well as improved privacy for the public when they come to the front counter.”

There is a $15.6 million expansion of Police services in the bush with new facilities being built in Arlparra, Yuendumu and Pirlangimpi. Overnight facilities for Police are also being constructed in Mt. Leibig, Areyonga and Robinson River at a cost of $1.8 million.

The Joint Emergency Services Communications Centre in Darwin will continue its $1.5 million refurbishment, which includes new technology that allows Police to be dispatched via their new iPads.

“The Country Liberals are committed to giving Police the equipment and facilities they need to keep Territorians safe and it is delivering results by driving down crime,” Mr Giles said.

“The Government is working hard to reduce youth offending and has allocated $5.65 million in 2014-15 to run early intervention programs and residential boot camps for young people at risk of entering, or already in, the youth justice system.

“The Country Liberals are committed to making the community safer by tackling domestic violence head-on. Later this year, the Government will unveil a new Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy with a focus on prevention, early intervention, protection and accountability.

“Budget 2014 continues to support Mandatory Alcohol Rehabilitation for problem drinkers with the establishment of a new secure treatment facility in Katherine to complement expanded assessment capacity at Katherine Hospital.

“In the Corrections space, the new Darwin Correctional Precinct at Holtze will open in the middle of this year, as well as a new 50-bed regional work camp that will be established in Nhulunbuy at a cost of $2.45 million.
“This will begin a new chapter of correctional services with prisons now firmly focused on programs that correct a person’s offending behaviour and reduce the recidivism rate.

“The Government’s successful Sentenced to a Job program will receive $1.85 million in funding to place prisoners in real jobs where they will work for award wages, pay board for their cell, contribute to a victims fund and develop a positive work ethic. The funding will also support the continued enhancement of prison industries at Alice Springs Correctional Centre.

“A person is less likely to reoffend when they leave the corrections system with a job and useful skills that will assist them to gain and retain employment.

The Northern Territory Government is investing $1 million in new technology to provide enhanced monitoring and surveillance of offenders in the community.

The Government is also investing to make the Justice system more user-friendly and accessible.

“Budget 2014 delivers $3.36 million for the Territory’s first Civil and Administrative Tribunal which will offer a single, easy to use, non-judicial body for fair and independent resolution of disputes relating to civil and administrative decisions,” Mr Giles said.

“Only the Country Liberals have a plan to drive down crime and improve the justice system and it is already delivering real results.”

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