Willem Westra van Holthe  
Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**120 Police Officers confirmed in upcoming Budget**

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The Country Liberal Government is fulfilling its election commitment to deliver an additional 120 police officers across the Territory during this term.

Today Deputy Chief Minister, Willem Westra van Holthe, attended the Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services College graduation parade for Recruit Squad 125 of 2014.

“It is a pleasure to be here to witness the graduation of Recruit Squad 125 who have completed 27 weeks of training and successfully completed their Diploma of Public Safety (Policing).” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“The Giles Government is absolutely on track and remains dedicated to fulfilling its election commitment of an additional 120 police officers across the Territory.

“Today we are pleased to announce that Budget 2015 includes an additional 8.7 million dollars ongoing to recruit a further 38 police officers.

This delivers on the commitment for 120 more police officers during this term of government made by the Country Liberals in 2012.

“The Northern Territory environment presents unique challenges to police in comparison to other jurisdictions and it is crucial that the Northern Territory Police Force have the resources to be able to keep the people of the Territory safe.”

Recruit Squad 125 sees 28 police officers graduate.

Nineteen males and nine females will be stationed across the Northern Territory with eight to be stationed in Alice Springs, 18 in Katherine and 2 in Darwin.

“We have seen crime reduced right across the Territory and by ensuring we see more police officers on the frontline will continue to ensure community safety.

“I have no doubt that the work done by all 28 graduates will be invaluable to the Territory.

“I wish each graduate every success for the future as they embark on the next stage of their career.” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

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