Territory crime rates down

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Initiatives and innovative programs put in place by the Country Liberals aimed at preventing and reducing crime is paying off with crime across the Territory down by 11 per cent since August 2012.

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Peter Chandler said this government takes law and order seriously and the Territory is becoming a safer place to live.

“All that is at risk if Labor takes power and introduces 'soft on crime' policies.

“Under Labor’s watch, many domestic violence offences were swept under the carpet and never appeared in the crime figures. We are taking a harder line, prosecuting offenders for the crimes they’re committing against their families.

“Unlike a ‘would be’ Labor Government, the Country Liberals take law and order seriously. Our policies are successful, driving down crime, cutting alcohol consumption and seeing a decrease in domestic violence.

Attorney-General John Elferink said the introduction of ‘one-punch’ legislation and the suite of alcohol policies introduced including Paperless Arrests, Point of Sale Intervention, Alcohol Mandatory Treatment and Alcohol Protection Orders has seen the rate of alcohol related assaults drop dramatically across the Territory.

“Alcohol related assaults have dropped 14 per cent across the Territory with Palmerston, Katherine and Tennant Creek seeing a reduction of 33, 34 and 52 per cent respectively.

“House break-ins across the Territory have also plummeted 23 per cent under the Country Liberals Government.

“House break-ins are down 22 per cent in Darwin, 17 per cent in Palmerston, 35 per cent in Alice springs, 17 per cent in Katherine and 23 per cent in Tennant Creek.

“We have tougher sentencing for those who attack workers and those who commit violent crimes by introducing mandatory sentencing.
“Police now have greater powers to stop and search cars for alcohol and methamphetamines, halting the transportation and distribution of dangerous drugs.

“The Country Liberals are ensuring that Territorians and their families are safer in the community, at work and at home.”

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