Terry Mills
Leader of the Opposition

Violent crime continues its rise

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A wild brawl at the weekend in which a police officer was kicked in the head, is symptomatic of the Territory's rising violent crime rate – a fact reinforced in today's release of latest crime figures showing a 12% increase in assaults across the Territory.

CLP Leader Terry Mills said the Martin Government is failing Territorians as violent crime in the Territory continues to rise unchecked

“In Darwin violent crime has increased 15% on the previous quarter and is up 10% on the same quarter last year. And today we wake up to the news of another frightening night of violence and the mother of all street fights,” Mr Mills said.

“Over the past 18 months Territorians have been subjected to a steady dose of gang violence and brutal assaults on unsuspecting Territorians and Government has made no in roads into the problem.”

Mr Mills welcomed the drop in property crime but said violent crime continues to be the Territory's new problem.

“When you see increases of 15% in Darwin, a 24% increase in Palmerston, a 7% increase in Alice Springs, a 6% increase in Katherine, a 5% increase in Tennant Creek and a 69% increase in Nhulunbuy, Territorians have every right to be fearful of their safety,” Mr Mills said.

“The picture in Katherine and Tennant Creek is even more horrific when you look at the level of violence over the past 12 months.

“Violent crime in Katherine has increased 76% in the past 12 months. In Tennant Creek violent crime has increased 52%.

“The drop in property crime is welcomed but the drop coincides with an increase in violent assaults.

“ The level of violence is totally unacceptable and today's statistics again reinforce just how violent the Territory has become.”

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