VIOLENT CRIME CONTINUES TO RISE

Australian Bureau of Statistics figures released today show a sustained and disturbing increase in violent crime during the term of the Martin Government, says the Territory Opposition.

“In a trifecta of failure for the Martin Government, Territorians are more likely to be the victims of assault, sexual assault and robbery than ever before,” says Jodeen Carney, Leader of the Opposition.

“The Martin Government’s strategies to control violent crime are failing and have been since they came to office. It’s time the Government admitted the truth of matter and moved to tackle to level of violent crime plaguing the Territory.

“The ALP hasn’t delivered the number of police necessary to keep Territorians safe on the streets and in their homes”

When the Martin Government came to office in 2001 there were 2948 assaults recorded in the Territory, last year that figure was 4350. In 2001 285 people reported being sexually assaulted, in 2006 that number had grown to 323. There were 73 victims of robbery in 2001 and 125 in 2006.

“Territorians feel less safe today than in the past and these statistics for violent crime indicate why,” says Ms Carney.

“It’s no wonder that the incidence of violent crime is the major concern of people who contact my office.

“Controlling the level of violent crime is a core responsibility of the Territory Government.

“The fact the level of violent crime has surged when the Government has more money than ever to invest in policing is particularly disappointing.

“It’s time this Government made better use of taxpayers’ money.”

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