Killings and knifings as law and order spirals out of control

Law and order appears to be spiralling out of control in the Alice Springs area, according to the Shadow Minister for Central Australia, Dr Richard Lim.

There have been five killings in the last two months and police had confiscated a large cache of weapons at a football oval, Dr. Lim added.

“These incidents should be ringing alarm bells in the Justice Department,” Dr Lim said.

“Among that cache of weapons at Traeger Park were machetes and knives. And the latest killing occurred at 1 a.m. today in my electorate of Sadadeen.”

Dr Lim said it was only through excellent police work that the cache of weapons had been discovered at the football park last week.

“This was supposed to be a friendly football match between two community teams,” he said. “I can only guess at the horrific consequences had the police not been on the ball.

“I have been told that in the last month alone there have been 180 knifing injuries requiring treatment at Alice Springs Hospital. I could not believe that and I asked my informant whether it was in fact two – or three – months!”

Dr Lim said that irrespective of whether it was one, two or three months, the figure was completely unacceptable: “If that number has been treated at the hospital, how many have gone unreported?

“Before the election the government promised to crack down on crime but they are doing absolutely nothing.

“The government is sending out a very clear message – the Territory cares more about criminals than victims.

“Clare Martin thinks Territorians are stupid and that they will forget these things in four years time at the next election. She is very wrong.”

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