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LABOR’S LAW AND ORDER HOAX

Terry Mills MLA

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Opposition Leader and Shadow Police Minister, Terry Mills, said the Henderson Government’s sleight of hand over police numbers in Alice Springs has been exposed.

Mr Mills said the slow response by police to an assault at the Aurora Hotel on Wednesday night again highlights the lack of police resources in the town.

“The 40 minutes it took to respond to the emergency call at the Aurora was unacceptable and re-enforces our demand for 20 additional police in the town,” Mr Mills said.

“The Government made plenty of noise about temporarily relocating additional police to Alice Springs in the lead-up to Christmas as part of Operational Shiloh, but now that resourcing levels are back to normal serious deficiencies have again emerged.

“Despite assurances from the Chief Minister, there are not enough police in Alice Springs to keep the community safe.

“Police numbers were stretched to capacity on Wednesday night, and police weren’t able to attend the Aurora incident in part because they were monitoring prisoners in custody.

“It shows the extent of the serious crime problem in Alice Springs that police didn’t initially respond because they thought the report was of criminal damage, eventually only responding to repeated triple zero calls when they realised assaults had allegedly taken place.

“Once again Labor has let down the people of Alice Springs.”

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