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Child abuse, sexual assault, violent crime
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Government is losing the battle against the Territory's soaring levels of child abuse, sexual assault and violent crime, CLP Deputy Leader Dr Richard Lim said today.

Dr Lim said today's crime statistics revealing a 19% increase in sexual assault send a stark message about the rising level of child abuse in the Territory.

"It is a shocking picture when you see that of the 62 extra cases of sexual abuse 60 (98%) of these were children," Dr Lim said.

"Sexual assault continues to rise and the clear indications are that the Government is not winning the fight to stop it.

"Territorians have a far more serious crime problem and it's called child abuse, sexual assault and violent crime.

"In the past 12 months there were 3 772 assaults in the Territory. That means around 11 Territorians a day are being assaulted.

"No wonder Territorians no longer feel as safe on our streets."

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