PROPERTY CRIME AND ASSAULTS FALL IN PALMERSTON

Palmerston has recorded a healthy drop in property offences and offences against the person in the latest Northern Territory crime statistics.

The September 2005 quarter edition of the Quarterly Crime and Justice Statistics were released today by the Office of Crime Prevention and are based on recorded offences from police data.

Dr Toyne said in the year-on-year comparisons overall property offences dropped 11 percent or 273 less offences.

“Property damage offences also recorded a downward trend which shows a statistically significant movement in recorded crime levels of the last 12 months’ data.

“It’s a good sign for Palmerston.

“The year-on-year figures show a marked reduction in offences against the person with a drop of 19 percent or 58 less offences.

“There are less victims of crime – but there is still more work to do.

“The reduction in crime has been achieved by putting an extra 137 police on the beat with 63 more on the way.

“The quarterly crime stats are also used to target crime hot spots and the Government has encouraged community partnerships such as Crime Prevention Councils and Neighbourhood Watch.

“This is all part of the Building Safer Communities framework which is this Government’s 5 Year Plan to reduce crime across the Territory,” Dr Toyne said.

SOME KEY FINDINGS

Year-to-Year comparisons (Oct03-Sept04 compared to Oct04-Sept05):
• sexual assaults – 10 less offences
• assaults – 62 less offences
• house break-ins – 55 less offences
• property damage offences – 82 less offences
• motor vehicle theft and related offences – 20 more offences

Quarter-to-Quarter comparisons (Jun05 quarter compared to Sept05 quarter):
• total number of offences against the person – 7 more offences
• total number of property offences – 59 less offences

FOR A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE STATISTICS, SEE THE MEDIA RELEASES FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION OR GO TO www.crimeprevention.nt.gov.au

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