A RISING TIDE OF VIOLENT CRIME

The latest crime statistics from the Martin Government confirm that violent crime is the major law and order issue confronting Territorians.

"4582 violent assaults were recorded in the Territory during the 12 months to March 2007," says Jodeen Carney, Leader of the Opposition.

"The 6% rise for the quarter is part of a much longer trend that has seen ever increasing numbers of Territorians violently assaulted.

Just yesterday, the Australian Bureau of Statistics released figures showing a relentless rise in assault, sexual assault and robbery on the Martin Government’s watch.

Today’s statistics confirm the veracity of the ABS figures.

"During the 12 months to March 2002, 3864 Territorians were assaulted; 5 years later that figure is 19% higher (4582).

That’s 718 more Territorians being assaulted last year than during the 12 months to March 2002.

That’s why Territorians are increasingly worried about violent crime.

Today’s figures confirm that the rise in the number of assaults occurring since the Martin Government came to office continues unabated.

The Government needs to wake up to the reality of the situation and improve its performance.

People are sick and tired about the level of crime they live with.

The ALP hasn’t delivered the number of police necessary to keep Territorians safe on the streets and in their homes. It will ignore these figures at its peril."

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