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## **PROPERTY-RELATED CRIME DOWN IN ALICE SPRINGS, AGAIN**

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A zero-tolerance approach to crime in Alice Springs has seen more than 4,000 arrests and a 9% per cent reduction in total property offences for the year ending June 2013.

Alice Springs has had a significant reduction of property-related crime in the June 2013 quarter compared to the same period in 2012, with the town experiencing:

- A 40 per cent reduction in total house break-ins
- A 50 per cent reduction in total commercial break-ins
- A 43 per cent reduction in motor vehicle theft and related offences
- A 30 per cent reduction in theft and other related offences
- A 30 per cent reduction in property damage

Attorney-General John Elferink said the statistics released today are extremely encouraging.

“Statistics released today show there are almost 500 less property offences in Alice Springs in the June 2013 quarter than in the June 2012 quarter,” Mr Elferink said.

“Strike Force Vega has targeted property-related crime in Alice Springs and already had positive results with 234 arrests made since it began in mid-February this year.

“To deter offending behaviour, Police have focused on conducting high visibility foot, motorbike and pushbike patrols in the town, while also developing strong relationships with business owners and other stakeholders.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to reducing crime in Alice Springs and will continue to develop proactive strategies to tackle property-related crime.

“Operation Skyfall has targeted alcohol-related violence in Alice Springs and resulted in 7356 litres of alcohol being tipped out since 14 February this year, equivalent to 36 forty-four gallon drums.

“Also targeting domestic violence, Strike Force Helberd has been in operation for less than one month and has already led to 12 arrests.

“Alcohol is a known contributor to assault and domestic violence in the community and it is a priority of this Government to reduce the unacceptable levels of these offences in the Northern Territory.

“The substantial decrease in property-related crime in Alice Springs is a reflection of the Country Liberals Government’s commitment to get tough on crime.



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“However, there is more to do and we remain focused on reducing crime in the community, allowing Territorians to feel safe on our streets,” Mr Elferink said.

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