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GOVERNMENT WELCOMES LATEST CRIME STATISTICS

The NSW Government today welcomed the latest crime statistics from the Bureau of Crime and Statistics and Research (BOCSAR).

“The broad picture among the major offence categories remains stable, with 15 of 17 major offence categories remaining stable or falling,” Minister Gallacher said.

The Report presents the trend tests on major offences for the 24 months to June 2012.

“The good news is that non-domestic violence related assaults are down by 8.2%. This refers to the assaults that happen outside the pub, or on the footpath or any other public place,” Minister Gallacher said.

“Almost 50% of the reduction came from falls in assault in outdoor and public places with a reduction in assaults at licensed premises accounting for 14% of that fall.

“There is a real downward trend in assaults on licensed premises. The government has been and will continue to pursue new initiatives that will see alcohol related violence decrease.

“There has also been a downward trend in malicious damage to property, which is down by 5.6%,” Minister Gallacher said.

“The number of drive by shooting incidents remains stable, despite a spike in April over the past two years.

“The NSW Police Force’s Operation Spartan is actively working on investigation and prevention of shootings along with Strike Force Kinnarra, established to investigate a series of shootings that police believe may be related Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs.

“We have passed laws to restrict the sale of ammunition and strengthen offences relating to drive-bys and gang crime.

“The Government has also modernised consorting laws, making it easier for police to break up criminal gangs.

“We have also started extensive reform of the NSW Crime Commission to ensure this organisation continues to deliver on targeting the assets and resources of criminals.

“We’ve delivered more anti-organised crime measures since coming to office than any previous Government has before and we will continue this reform process,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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