



Media Release

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ALL CRIME EITHER STABLE OR FALLING ACROSS NSW

State Plan target R1: Reduced rates of crime, particularly violent crime.

State Plan target R3: Reduce the proportion of the NSW population who perceive problems with louts, noisy neighbours, public drunkenness or with dangerous, noisy, hoon drivers

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Minister for Police David Campbell has today welcomed the latest report from the independent Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), which shows that all crime is either stable or falling across NSW.

Mr Campbell said the NSW Police Force deserved credit for their hard work protecting the community and keeping NSW families safe.

"The BOCSAR report for the March quarter shows police are making inroads driving down crime, but there is always more work to be done," Mr Campbell said.

"This is a pleasing result which supports the lemma Government's decision to invest a record \$2.3 billion into policing in NSW, delivering increased police numbers and the latest in crime fighting technology.

"This independent crime report card reveals in the 2 years to March 2008, 15 major categories of crime were stable, while 2 recorded falls:

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| ▪ Break and enter non-dwelling | ↓ 8.6% |
| ▪ Motor vehicle theft | ↓ 5.3% |

"I am pleased to see that a targeted response from NSW Police has helped stop an upward trend in the crime of *steal from motor vehicle*.

"The lemma Government will continue to support our police in reducing this costly nuisance crime, which includes the theft of small electronic goods from vehicles and number plate theft."

Mr Campbell said the NSW Government was delivering record numbers of frontline police, with the Force's strength being increased by 750 over the term of the Government.

"The lemma Government is committed to giving our police the resources, support and tough powers that they need to protect NSW families," he said.

"The NSW Opposition continue to be the biggest critics of the NSW Police Force, but even they cannot dispute the great job being done by police as shown in these BOCSAR figures.

"The Government is backing police as they tackle alcohol related crime issues, and is working with licensees to battle binge drinking.

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"There is no doubt that there is more work to be done - but credit should be given where credit is due and Commissioner Andrew Scipione and his troops deserve recognition for this fine result."