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MINISTER WELCOMES LATEST CRIME STATISTICS

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher has today welcomed the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics data which shows a drop in several crimes while others remained stable.

“The second quarterly report for 2011 shows that crime rates in the major categories remain stable or have fallen,” Minister Gallacher said.

“These latest figures give both Police and the Government an insight into the crime trends occurring and provide a guide to future problem areas.

The report found that for the last 24 months to June 2011 there were decreases in:

- Robbery without a weapon Down 16.3%
- Motor vehicle theft Down 9.8%
- Malicious damage to property Down 6.8%

All other major offence categories remained stable.

The report noted increases in possession and detection of supply and trafficking offences of some drugs.

“It would be fair to say a great deal of this increase can be attributed to the hard work of the NSW Police Force,” Minister Gallacher said.

“More police on the beat, making use of better and more effective investigative capacity, all result in increased detections.

“We are determined to continue to see reductions in crime across the board. The NSW Government is backing the NSW Police Force with the resources and the powers they need to achieve this,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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