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WE HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER SAYS UNION

Corrective Services Minister Murray Cowper should resign if he is not going to take seriously the issues at the heart of the riot at the Banksia Hill Detention Centre on Sunday night.

Community and Public Sector Union/Civil Service Association Branch Secretary Toni Walkington said she and many others were appalled at the Minister's response after he called the situation "entertaining" when quizzed over the issue on afternoon talkback radio.

"We really have to ask if Mr Cowper is taking matters seriously," Ms Walkington said.

"He has no excuse for not responding appropriately given we outlined our concerns to him and warned him last year there could be another serious incident if he didn't address our concerns.

"Given that he has just presided over the most serious incident in a juvenile detention centre in Western Australia we have no confidence that he is going to fix the problems and we call for his resignation immediately."

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