



MEDIA STATEMENT

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UNION ENCOURAGED BY MINISTER'S SUPPORT OF REPROT

The CPSU/CSA is pleased by the announcement that the Disability Services Minister, Helen Morton, has announced that Government accepts all recommendations in the Blaxwell Hayward report.

"We are pleased that the report affirms the professionalism and qualifications of our members working at the disability justice centre," says branch assistant secretary, Rikki Hendon.

"A thorough review of our members' job roles and qualifications finds that they are well qualified to work in what the report describes as a 'difficult environment'.

"That the Minister has accepted the recommendations of the report, in particular that an annual review is needed into the centre's policy and protocols, is very encouraging to our members.

"Staff and members at the Bennett Brook Disability Justice Centre work in a unique environment where the safety of the community is foremost in their minds as they work to support people with disability in the centre.

"Following the incident on New Year's Eve staffing was increased to ensure residents are in the view of an employee at all times.

"We seek the Minister's guarantee that this increased staffing level will be maintained to ensure the safety of the community and residents."

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