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Union disputes Corrective Services Minister's claims

The Community and Public Sector Union/Civil Service Association has disputed claims that Corrective Services Minister Joe Francis was unaware of the content of a leaked document that looks at potential savings in the controversial portfolio.

On Thursday a leaked Cabinet in Confidence document highlighted a summary of potential budget savings, including raising the issue of privatising the Banksia Hill Detention Centre.

The document is a result of the minister's direction to senior agency officers to find savings.

Branch secretary Toni Walkington said Minister Francis might have not seen the complete document but he would have been aware of the contents in other forms.

Ms Walkington has also hit out at the Barnett Government's fiscal management policy with Corrective Services currently projected to overspend their budget allocation by \$24million, with \$16million of that in adult custodial services.

"The Barnett Government is faced with this overspend resulting from unrealistic savings targets and its use of expensive and unnecessary contracts with private companies," Ms Walkington said.

"We call on the government to come clean on its fiscal management policy – it is clear that funding and jobs cuts cannot be made without impacting services and limiting government activities."

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