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Minister needs to be held accountable

The Community and Public Sector Union/Civil Service Association has called on Corrective Services Minister Joe Francis to be accountable when he talks about the high number of workers compensation cases in the juvenile detention system.

CPSU/CSA Branch Secretary Toni Walkington said the new minister was out of line when he suggested the government was recruiting the wrong people and that perhaps some of the youth custodial officers at the Banskia Hill Detention Centre were in the wrong job.

He made the comment when questioning the high number of workers compensation cases.

“Our delegates, who represent youth custodial officers and administration staff at Banskia Hill, have requested an urgent meeting with the minister to discuss his comments,” Ms Walkington said,

“They want him to understand what impact the chronic and persistent staff shortages is having on the centre’s operations.

“A lack of staff means many of them are working extra shifts which was putting them under increased pressure and they could only do so much to fill in the gaps.”

Ms Walkington said the comments were unfair and slammed the lack of support services that were available for staff who were involved in workers compensation cases.

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