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MEDIA STATEMENT

CPSU/CSA Secretary Toni Walkington addressing last night's incident at Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre:

"Incidences like this are always distressing for staff.

"Seven staff had to lock themselves in their offices until the Special Operations Group deescalated the situation.

"They were taunted and targeted by detainees.

"After an incident last week, where a detainee smashed twelve windows at the centre, Youth Custodial Officers reported a feeling of unrest coming over the centre.

"We believe their needs to be better management of detainees, there is a need for very basic consequences such as detainees having their TV taken away, or losing their gratuities (money for the canteen), for small misbehaviors so they understand there are consequences to their actions and the bad behavior stops there. The "Transformation Project" endorses "no consequences policy" and it's leading to major incidences.

"The McGowan Government needs to address the long-standing issues such as needing more than one youth detention centre, staffing levels and more treatment and education programs. Currently we have male and female detainees, some that are over 18-years-old, on remand or serving a sentence all in one centre."

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