



MEDIA STATEMENT

Sunday, 13 November 2016

UPDATE:

During the incident, three detainees jumped out the window to escape - but were caught immediately.

The remaining four detainees barricaded themselves in.

the damage is estimated at between \$350 - 400 thousand.

That brings this year's repair bill for Banksia Hill to over \$1million.

The detainees broke every window, trashed to unit, pulled the paneling and the cabling out of the ceiling.

The damage was so significant, bricks were removed from the walls and thrown at SOG.

The centre was in lockdown from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

There are no reported injuries from this incident.

This is the first incident for Jasper Wing A; which usually houses remand and younger male detainees.

FLASH BOMBS USED TO CONTROL DETAINEES AT BANKSIA HILL

Yesterday Saturday 12th November, seven juvenile detainees caused damage to the Jasper Wing of Banksia Hill Juvenile Detention Centre.

The male detainees used bricks as projectiles to target Officers.

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CPSU/CSA can confirm the centre's Special Operations Group used flash bombs and chemical spray to control the situation.

During this time, another detainee attempted suicide in the Behavioural Management Unit (Harding Unit). The male detainee has been taken to hospital for treatment.

It is unknown if these two incidences are related.

This is the latest in a series of major incidences at the centre.

Staff have reported over 45 assaults at the center since the start of 2016.

Incidences in past six weeks:

22 Oct - property damage

23 Oct - fence climb

24 Oct - property damage interview room

25 Oct - rock assault to officer's head

7 Oct - fire riot

4 Oct - spitting incident, officers awaiting HIV/Hepatitis results

2 Oct - property damage, six on roof & staff injured by metal handle

13 Sept - Officer has arm broken and elbow dislocated

1 Sept - \$150,000 property damage

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