



MEDIA STATEMENT

Thursday, 1 September 2016

Incident at Banksia Hill

The CPSU/CSA can confirm a major incident involving juvenile detainees took place at Banksia Hill this afternoon.

From 12.55pm to 2.30pm the centre was in lock-down.

Staff say the incident started at Urquhart Unit, which is where detainees over 17-years are housed.

Four male detainees aged 17 and 18-years barricaded themselves in D-Wing using a tennis-table table and chairs.

The Special Operations Group were deployed to contain the situation.

They used Flash Bombs and Chemical Maze Spray.

There were no significant injuries during the incident, but there has been major property damage.

All windows in the unit have been smashed, cupboards pull off the hinges, the fridge and oven doors pulled off.

The detainees used these items as projectiles against staff.

The damage is estimated at \$150,000 and the wing is now uninhabitable.

Staff are reporting this was a planned riot by detainees.

This is the second incident this week – with an estimated \$100,000 in damages happening in Harding Wing on Monday.

The Union will now further investigate the incident with staff.

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No further comment is available at this time.

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