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**Subject:** SITREP: Serious incident – AYDC **s30 - Law Enforcement Information** - 04 Feb 2026

**Follow up:** Follow up

**Start date:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 12:00:00 AM

**Due date:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 12:00:00 AM

Hi Peter

Following discussions and updates this afternoon/evening, please find below a consolidated update on the serious incident at Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) today. Information reflects the latest advice available at this time.

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**Police / emergency services update**

- Tasmania Police attended from approx. 3.37pm and assumed operational control during the incident; control was handed back to AYDC at approx. 5.27pm

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- TasFire attended; Wormald contacted regarding system reset.
- Neighbours were notified and later advised the situation was resolved.
- HACSU attended onsite briefly and later departed.

Department for Education, Children and Young People



# BRIEFING NOTE TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

DECYP CM reference: DOC/26/21426  
Related document(s):

Ministerial reference: MN51514

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**SUBJECT: SERIOUS INCIDENT AT ASHLEY YOUTH DETENTION CENTRE  
(AYDC) ON WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2026**

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NOTATION:

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## PURPOSE:

To note:

1. The details of the incident at Ashely Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) on Wednesday 4 February 2026.
2. The immediate response by Tasmania Police, emergency services and Centre management.
3. The current operational status of AYDC and next steps.

## KEY ISSUES:

- Initial details of the serious incident from 4 February 2026 were originally provided to your office via email on 4 February 2026.
- **s30 - Law Enforcement Information, s36 - Personal Information**  
[Redacted]
- In response to the incident, AYDC immediately adopted the AYDC Emergency Response System protocols. Tasmania Police attended immediately and assumed operational control during the incident response.
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[Redacted]
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- Staff wellbeing supports and incident review processes have commenced.
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## BACKGROUND:

### The incident details

- **s36 - Personal Information, s30 - Law Enforcement Information**
- The Director and Centre Manager were on site at the time of the incident.
- Tasmania Police and Tas Fire attended from approximately 3.37pm, with Tasmania Police assuming operational control of the Centre until 5.27pm
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### Emergency services response

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- Neighbours were notified in line with emergency management procedures and later advised when the situation was resolved.

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- Senior management remained onsite during the incident and conducted progressive welfare checks and debriefs with staff.
- Staff wellbeing supports were activated, with ongoing monitoring to continue over the coming days.

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- Nursing staff and the Department's Case Management staff checked in with all young people at the Centre immediately following the incident.

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- Families of all young people at the Centre were notified following the incident.

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### and incident review

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- The incident will be reviewed in detail by the Incident Review Committee and any concerns addressed operationally through practice review and debrief processes.

### Centre operations

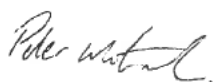
- The Centre remains secure and operational.

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### Other relevant information

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- Relevant Oversight Bodies, including the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Custodial Inspector and Office of the Independent Regulator, have been advised of the incident.



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Date: 11 February 2026

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