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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn inspects the 114 new Correctional Officers of the 85th Intake at the Department of Correctional Services Passing Out Parade and Awards Ceremony held on Friday (May 9) at the Carl Rattray Staff College in Runaway Bay St. Ann.

Government's investment in Correctional Services yielding favourable results-
Minister Cuthberth-Flynn

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn has reaffirmed that the government's investments in technology, training and infrastructure in the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) are yielding favourable results within the nation's justice system.

“The Department of Correctional Services is not merely about housing individuals, it is about providing opportunities for growth, for learning and for ultimately, reintegration into society. It is about breaking the cycles of crime and offering pathways to a better future,” she stated.

In delivering the main address at the Passing Out Parade and Awards Ceremony for 85th intake of Correctional Officers held at the Carl Rattray Staff College on Friday (May 9),



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Minister Flynn highlighted the significance of the governments' commitments to correctional infrastructure and the national justice system.

She further expressed that **“we recognise the importance of investing in our correctional officers, in their training, their welfare, and their professional development. We continue to improve infrastructure, enhance technology and strengthen rehabilitation programmes within our institutions.”**



Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (centre), Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe (first left), Commissioner of Corrections, Brigadier (Ret'd) Radgh Mason (second right) share in a proud moment with Top All Round Recruit, Ramone Dacres (second left) and Most Outstanding Team Player, Kelia Richards (first right) at the 85th Intake at the Department of Correctional Services Passing Out Parade and Awards Ceremony held on Friday (May 9) at the Carl Rattray Staff College in Runaway Bay St. Ann.

She lauded the new recruit's commitment to serving the nation, emphasising the vital role they will play in transforming lives for a safer Jamaica.

The graduation welcomed 114 newly trained correctional officers to the DCS. The officers were urged to embrace their role in fostering safety, security and national development.

“This is a call to service, and as you serve, do so with humility and pride as you will have the opportunity to contribute to the safety of our communities, to the rehabilitation of individuals and to the overall well-being of Jamaica,” she urged.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn expressed confidence in the correctional officers, calling on them to be role models and catalysts for change.



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“You are agents of change, with the potential to impact lives and contribute to the rehabilitation of individuals,” she reminded the officers.

The Ministry of National Security continues to invest in transformation of the Department of Correctional Services, positioning it as the region’s model of excellence in correctional management.

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