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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 136

Member Asking: **Ms. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.**

Minister Answering: **The Minister of Health**

QUESTIONS

FIRE AT THE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL ON 5TH JUNE, 2021

- (1) Could the Honourable Minister indicate to the House, the causes, circumstances, and conditions that led to the fire on Saturday, 5th June, 2021, whereby several patients at the Psychiatric Hospital, East Canjie/Berbice, were badly burnt during the said fire, and further whereby it was widely reported in the media that one patient named Wewoushi Akenty King died from his injuries?
- (2) Can the Hon. Minister state the nature of all the injuries sustained by the affected patients, on the date aforementioned, and the cause of death of Wewoushi Akenty King?
- (3) Could the Hon. Minister state whether the conduct of the staff of the Psychiatric Institution, who were on duty on 5th June, 2021, and thereafter was in conformity with existing Standard Operating Procedures?
- (4) Could the Hon. Minister state base on the conclusion of any investigation report, whether the death of the aforementioned patient and the patients who were burnt, was a result of any negligence, abandonment of duty, disregard of instructions, inaction of the staff, who were on duty on 5th June, 2021, and thereafter?

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(5) Could the Hon. Minister indicate based on any initial report(s), what recommendations were made:

- (i) To improve the physical infrastructure of the Institution?
- (ii) The existing security, safety, and other arrangements in respect of the custody, management, and control of patients?
- (iii) That the appropriate treatment of patients is in compliance with legal and other requirements, to prevent a recurrence of any such disturbance(s)?

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