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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 49

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

QUESTIONS

DEATH OF PRISONER, MR. ROGER SAMUELS

The Guyana Prison Service in its press release dated the 10th January, 2021, stated that Prisoner Roger Samuels died at the Lusignan Prison on the said date after being received at the Prisons

with several injuries to his body.

1. Could the Hon. Minister provide the circumstances surrounding the death of the

aforementioned prisoner?

2. Can the Hon. Minister state the extent of the injuries at the time of his reception at the

Lusignan Prison?

3. Having established that Mr. Samuels was injured before he was received by the prison

officials, what protocols and procedures were followed?

4. Could the Hon. Minister state whether Section 27(1) of the Prison Act was followed.

5. Could the Hon. Minister state what subsequent developments contributed to the demise

of this prisoner?

6. Could the Hon. Minster state what administrative reviews have been undertaken to ensure

there is no repeat of this unfortunate situation?

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