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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 156

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

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

QUESTIONS

PRELIMINARY OR FINAL REPORT FROM THE GUYANA FIRE SERVICE IN RELATION TO THE FIRE AT THE BRICKDAM POLICE STATION.

“It was widely reported at a Press Conference on the 3rd October, 2021, hosted by the Hon Minister of Home Affairs along with members of the Disciplined Forces, that at least 80 % of the Brickdam Police Station was destroyed by fire”.

- A. Can the Minister indicate whether he is in receipt of a preliminary or final report from the Guyana Fire Service in relation to the fire? If yes, can the Minister provide a copy of this report to the National Assembly? If no, can the Minister indicate how soon will the report be available to the Assembly?
- B. Can the Minister say how was the said report generated and what was the methodology used to determine the findings of the said report?
- C. Can the Minister indicate if a Board of Inquiry was established to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the fire and can the Minister share the terms of reference of the said Board of Inquiry with the Assembly?

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- D. Apart from any investigations conducted by the Guyana Fire Service, can the Hon. Minister indicate whether the government has any intentions to have this fire investigated independently or seek international assistance? If yes, have you established any team to investigate this fire at the level mentioned above? Additionally, can the Hon. Minister state what are the intended terms of reference for any such independent Inquiry, and do you plan to solicit international assistance in any regard?
- E. Can the Hon. Minister state whether the government has any intentions to consult with civil society, Parliamentarians, or any other non- governmental organization to be a part of the process?
- F. Can the Minister state in relation to (d), if the process has not begun, can he indicate the reason for the delay?
- G. Is there any intention or consideration by Cabinet to establish a Commission of Inquiry into this major national disaster?

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