

Liew: Adib's family can initiate civil action

THE family of fireman Muhammad Adib Mohd Kassim can initiate civil proceedings against any parties following the verdict of the inquest into his death, says Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Liew Vui Keong.

He said the prosecution division of the Attorney General's Chambers had ordered the police to continue with its probe on the case after receiving the verdict of the inquest.

"It's up to the family to initiate civil action based on their lawyer's advice.

"In general, if there are elements of negligence, not only from the government but also other parties, if they manage to identify the identities of those involved in the matter, I believe action can be taken," he said when winding up his ministerial reply on Budget 2020.

It was reported that lawyers representing the family had urged the police and the Attorney General to act accordingly over the case.

Liew said the family members could also seek legal aid from the Legal Aid Department if they required more help on the matter.

Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said (BN-Pengerang) stood up to interject, asking whether there was any objection from the government for Adib's family to get legal help from the Legal Aid Department.

To this, Liew said: "For me, the most important for the family is to go to the department to get the necessary advice so they can give help to them."