



15 June 2023

## PAC WEEKLY MEDIA STATEMENT

### THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL

1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) would like to congratulate YBhg. Datuk Wan Suraya binti Wan Mohd Radzi on her appointment as Auditor-General effective 13 June 2023 and thanks to the Auditor-General for attending the PAC pre-proceedings meeting.
2. PAC would also like to thank the Government for listening to its recommendation to expedite the appointment of the Auditor-General following the PAC press conference last week.
3. I would like to clarify, as in my statement last week, that the appointment for this position is not for former Secretary Generals who have served the Government but for those who are qualified, especially those who have involved in finance, development and procurement as based on the experience of attending PAC proceedings, those who have knowledge in these three matters are highly sought after for this position.
4. Datuk Wan Suraya is 54 years old and currently serving in the Government. She was the CEO of the Malaysian Institute of Integrity and previously served as the Deputy Secretary General for the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry as well as Secretary General for the Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and the Ministry of National Unity.

5. May the cooperation and good understanding between PAC and the National Audit Department is maintained to safeguard the interests of the country and the people.

**THE PROCEEDING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN NAVY'S SECOND GENERATION PATROL VESSEL (SGPV) - LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

6. PAC has conducted a proceeding on the development of the LCS Construction Project on 10 June 2023, which was attended by Datuk Dr. Shahrazat binti Haji Ahmad, Deputy Secretary General (Development) of the Ministry of Defence; Dato' Ahmad Nazim bin Abd Rahman, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Boustead Naval Shipyard (BNS); and Ir. Azhar Jumaat, Chief Executive Officer of BNS.
7. PAC would like to thank and express its gratitude to the Ministry of Defence, the Royal Malaysian Navy and BNS for the cooperation given.
8. Next, PAC will call the Ministry of Defence in September, to obtain an explanation regarding the development of the LCS Construction Project from June 2023 until September 2023.
9. PAC will table 2 reports on the development of the LCS Construction Project from October 2022 until May 2023 and from June 2023 until September 2023, to be debated in the 3rd Meeting of the 2nd Session of the Fifteenth Parliament that will commence from 9 October 2023 until 30 November 2023.

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10. As per my explanation during the press conference on 8 June 2023, PAC has called 2 Ministries to obtain an explanation as follows:-
  - i. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security on 14 June 2023 for the issue of weaknesses in the receipt of funds in the form of finance and assets as well as irregular payments of the Paddy Price Subsidy Scheme; and
  - ii. Ministry of Health on 15 June 2023 for the issues of a total of 1.1 million vaccines doses that have expired as of 30 April 2022, 93 ventilator units that could not be used out of 136 ventilator units obtained as well as the usage ratio of boot cover and protective suit/coverall compared to the remaining stock which is 2.2% and 3.1% with a balance of 3.08 million and 0.84 million pairs respectively.
  
11. As of this moment, PAC has heard the explanation from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and the Ministry of Health.
  
12. PAC is also committed to tabling the report on these issues to be debated in the Third Meeting later.

**DECLASSIFICATION OF THE INVESTIGATION REPORT OF THE  
GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT AND FINANCE INVESTIGATION  
COMMITTEE (JKSTUPKK) ON THE LAND SWAP PROJECT UNDER  
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE**

13. The Governance, Procurement and Finance Investigation Committee (JKSTUPKK) has presented 3 reports to the PAC of the 14th Parliament as follows:-
- i. The JKSTUPKK Report on Automated Enforcement System (AES) on 16 November 2020;
  - ii. The JKSTUPKK Report on the Procurement of Six Royal Malaysian Navy's Second Generation Patrol Vessels (SGPV) - Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), Ministry of Defence on 1 December 2020; and
  - iii. The JKSTUPKK Report on the Land Swap Project under the Ministry of Defence on 2 April 2019 and 16 November 2020.
14. 2 out of 3 JKSTUPKK reports have been declassified by the Prime Minister's Department which are Report on AES on 8 July 2022 and Report on the Procurement of Six Royal Malaysian Navy's Second Generation Patrol Vessels (SGPV) - Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), Ministry of Defence on 17 August 2022.
15. The Report on the Land Swap Project under the Ministry of Defence has not yet been declassified and as JKSTUPKK has been dissolved, I have written a letter to Hon. Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) to declassify this report so that the PAC of the 15th Parliament can revisit this matter.

**VIOLATION OF STANDING ORDER 85 OF THE STANDING ORDERS  
OF THE DEWAN RAKYAT AND SECTION 9 (M) OF THE HOUSES OF  
PARLIAMENT (PRIVILEGES AND POWERS) ACT 1952 (Act 347)**

16. PAC is viewing the action of publishing any statement or document presented to the PAC before the PAC presents its Report to the House seriously.
17. This action clearly violates the Standing Order 85 of the Standing Orders of the Dewan Rakyat and Section 9 (M) of Act 347 and could potentially disrupt the investigation, findings and recommendations of the PAC.
18. Hence, I urge all parties, especially the media to obtain the development of the proceedings directly from PAC, especially me, and respect the investigation of the PAC proceedings by not obtaining the news from unauthentic sources.

Thank you.

Hon. Datuk Wira Mas Ermieyati binti Samsuddin  
Chairman of PAC