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The Media Statement made by the Hon. Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee, the Chairperson of the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) regarding the Proceedings on Goods and Services Tax (GST) Refund Arrears Totalled RM19.4 Billion.

- 1) The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the 14th Parliament held its first proceeding on Goods and Services Tax (GST) Refund Arrears totalled RM19.4 billion on 12 September and 13 September 2018 (Wednesday and Thursday).
- 2) The selection of the issue was agreed upon unanimously by all the 13 PAC members as it involves the interest of the people and the country after it was raised by the Finance Minister, Hon. Lim Guan Eng during the sitting of the Dewan Rakyat in early August, which is in line with the Dewan Rakyat Standing Orders 77 (1)(d).
- 3) During its proceedings on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, PAC summoned the Department of the Royal Custom of Malaysia and its Director-General Datuk Seri T Subromaniam to give explanations before the PAC.
- 4) However, on Thursday, 13 September 2018, the former Secretary-General of Treasury Tan Sri Irwan Serigar Abdullah, together with Datuk Siti Zauyah Md Desa, the Deputy Secretary-General of Treasury (Policy) who represented the Secretary-General of Treasury attended the proceedings to give explanations before the PAC on the same issue.
- 5) PAC will continue with its proceedings on Goods and Services Tax (GST) Refund Arrears totalled RM19.4 billion on 25 September 2018, Tuesday, by summoning the former Minister of Finance II, Dato' Seri Ahmad Husni Mohamad Hanadzlah and Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani to give explanations before the PAC.
- 6) Besides that, PAC will also summon other witnesses to give explanations on the same issue to ensure a thorough investigation.
- 7) PAC did not set a deadline to conclude the investigation before having its investigation report to be tabled in the Dewan Rakyat.
- 8) Do note that, besides the 13 PAC members who were appointed from both the government and opposition, PAC is also comprised of ex-officio members from the ministries and government departments such as the Finance Ministry, Auditor-General's Department, Attorney-General's Department, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Public Service Department, Accountant-General's Department and Economic Planning Unit.

- 9) PAC's summary and recommendation report on the issue would surely take into account the input and opinions of the PAC ex-officio members to ensure that the report is truly comprehensive, transparent and thorough before it is to be tabled in the Dewan Rakyat as public documents.

Thank you.

Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee
Chairman of the PAC of Parliament of Malaysia