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

- 1) The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on 25 August (yesterday), continued the proceedings involving the RM19.4 billion Arrears in Goods and Services Tax (GST) Refund.
- 2) The proceedings was a continuation from the previous proceedings held on 12 and 13 September 2018.
- 3) Also present during the proceedings were the two former Minister of Finance II, Dato' Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah, who served from March 2008 until June 2016 and Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, who served from June 2016 until April 2018.
- 4) The Deputy Secretary-General of Treasury (Policy), Datuk Siti Zauyah Md Desa, representing the Secretary-General of Treasury, and senior officer of Ministry of Finance were also present.
- 5) Both former Minister of Finance II provide explanations for almost an hour on matter regarding policy and their responsibilities on GST tax when they were in charge of the position.
- 6) PAC appreciates the cooperation given by them in seeking the truth about the GST Refund Arrears of RM19.4 billion.
- 7) PAC also unanimously agreed to recall former Secretary-General of Treasury, Tan Sri Irwan Serigar Abdullah on 16 October, even though he had present to give explanations to the Committee on 13 September.
- 8) At the same time, PAC also agreed to call the former Ministry of Finance, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on 17 October, to give clarification and explanation on the matter.

- 9) PAC has set 22 October for the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Lim Guan Eng, to attend the proceedings to give clarification and explanation on the same matter.
- 10) The Committee hopes to be able to make a conclusion and provide recommendations to the Government in regards to this matter when the Report of PAC is presented in the Dewan Rakyat after all three have finished giving their clarification and explanation before the Committee.
- 11) PAC has also agreed to start proceedings on 1MDB company owned by the Ministry of Finance soon, as decided by Dewan Rakyat through a motion by the Minister of Finance on 16 August.
- 12) Any updates and further info regarding the proceedings of PAC will be officially announced through media statement.

Thank you.

Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee
Chairman of PAC Parlimen.