SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE * Number 37/2014 on Wednesday, 29 October 2014

6. Summary of the Public Accounts Committee

- 6.1. The PAC was informed that there are improvement measures taken and will be taken by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) on issues raised in relation to the License Management of Billboards/Signages in Kuala Lumpur.
- 6.2. The PAC was also informed and appreciate the new approach used by the DBKL through e-PBT that replaced SAP system starting 2014. However, the PAC is of the opinion that the new version of SAP system is more effective and facilitate data integration process as well as more convenient to use.
- 6.3. The PAC was also aware of the the problem to strenghthen the DBKL's Internal Audit Unit (UAD) that is lead by a W48 grade officer compared to the auditing workloads of DBKL projects with an expenditure allocations of more than RM2 billion. Other than that, the PAC of the view that the UAD reporting directly to the Mayor may hinder its independence to carry out audit works and should be reviewed.

7. Recommendations by the Public Accounts Committee

For future improvements, the recommendations by the member of PAC are as follow:

7.1 Information system for the License Management of Billboards/Signages in Kuala Lumpur shall be upgraded to overcome the shortcomings.

- 7.2 It is better if UAD to report to a higher level like the Advisory Board of DBKL compared to the current structure which is to the Mayor. This is to avoid issues of governance and conflict of interest from occurring in DBKL.
- 7.3 DBKL should ensure that privatisation of contracts offered to companies that handle billboard advertising in Kuala Lumpur are be made open so that it is more transparent and the Government will get the best value for money.
- 7.4 DBKL should ensure that non-compliance with regulations being raised about the License Management of Billboards/Signages in Kuala Lumpur will not recur in the future.
- 7.5 Tender system for billboard or signages in Kuala Lumpur needs to be streamlined.
- 7.6 Enforcement on the illegal billboards or illegal signages in Kuala Lumpur need to be tightened and firm actions must be taken to ensure more profits earn by DBKL.

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