



SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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6. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

- 6.1. The installation of water meter for water supply to settlement of Orang Asli is a waste because the real purpose of installation of meter is to educate Orang Asli to use water prudently.
- 6.2. The cost of meter installation is made in a lump sum and is not broken down by the cost of meter, transportation and installation. Such method has given the impression that there is a significant difference in the cost of installing meter at the settlement of Orang Asli.
- 6.3. The introduction of an initiative such as charging the water bill to the Orang Asli has been done without holding any engagement with them even though the aim is to educate them.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

For the improvement purposes in the future, the members of PAC recommend the following:

- 7.1. A more efficient and economical method to be used to educate the Orang Asli community to use water prudently and not by installing water meter that was not later not being used;
- 7.2. Lump sum cost method should not be used in the installation of water meter. Costs shall be detailed according to the cost of meter, installation and transportation for future projects;

- 7.3. Engagement should be held with the leader of Orang Asli community before any reform introduced to them;
- 7.4 MRRD and JAKOA will be called in the future to give clarification to PAC on the approach taken in relation to the effectiveness of the installation of water meter; and
- 7.5 MRRD and JAKOA should be more sensitive and thoughtful in managing the affairs of Orang Asli as PAC takes seriously the weaknesses reported by NAD and if NAD does not perform audits on this issue, there is a possibility that the practice of taking things lightly in managing the Orang Asli will continue to happen in the future.

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