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**MEDIA STATEMENT
REGARDING TAN SRI LIM KIT SIANG'S STATEMENT
DISPUTING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PAC CHAIRMAN**

- 1) Former DAP Advisor, Tan Sri Lim Kit Siang allegedly made a statement in the Malaysiakini portal that I am not qualified to lead the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) for boycotting the debate on the Auditor General's Report (LKAN) Year 2021 Series 2 in the Dewan Rakyat on Tuesday and Wednesday, clearly proving the 'shallowness' of the former Member of Parliament in understanding the Dewan Rakyat's Standing Order (SO).
- 2) Tan Sri Lim as an old timer in Parliament should know the powers given by the Dewan Rakyat to the PAC especially in Standing Order 77(1)(c) which clearly mentions that the PAC... "examines the report of the Auditor General laid before the House in accordance with Article 107 of the Constitution".
- 3) The reckless political statements clearly ignore the allocation of powers given to the PAC prove that Tan Sri Lim continues to want to use Parliament as a political tool.
- 4) As an individual with legal background, Tan Sri Lim's statement attacking me as PAC Chairman clearly shows how selective and hypocrite he is, without taking into account the facts and provisions of law contained in the Standing Order and the Federal Constitution.
- 5) As I mentioned in yesterday's PAC press conference, the Committee has unanimously agreed to investigate the issues raised by Members of the Dewan Rakyat in the LKAN debate especially on the Management of the Covid-19 Outbreak.
- 6) My question to Tan Sri Lim, what is the outcome from the debate that the Government has gained? It's all political rhetoric and all the issues raised in LKAN are now being acted upon by the authorities.

- 7) Whereas in the PAC, all issues in LKAN are investigated carefully and in detail before a PAC report containing conclusions and recommendations is presented to the Parliament.
- 8) Instead of questioning my credibility as PAC Chairman, it would be better for Tan Sri Lim to ask the Speaker of the Dewan Rakyat about the debate on the PAC Report because this is what the MPs from Tan Sri Lim's party have been fighting for all this time.
- 9) The priority of Dewan Rakyat Members should be on the debate on the PAC Report because it is a report produced by a Dewan Rakyat Committee. In fact, this report is transparent and complete with statements from witnesses consisting of the Ministry's Comptroller, namely the Secretary General who has executive authority and fully responsible for the Ministry's procurement and financial affairs.

Thank you.

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