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PAC WEEKLY MEDIA STATEMENT

COVID-19 Pandemic Management: Expired Vaccines, Non-Functional Ventilator Equipment, and Surplus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today held a proceeding on COVID-19 Pandemic Management: Expired Vaccines, Non-Functional Ventilator Equipment, and Surplus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that was reported in the Auditor-General's Report (LKAN) Series 2: The Activities of Federal Ministries, Departments and Statutory Bodies.
2. This was the third proceeding on this issue and **YBhg. Dato' Sri Norazman Ayob**, Deputy Secretary General (Finance) of the Ministry of Health (MOH), **YBrs. Encik Izaddeen bin Daud**, Chairman of PHARMANIAGA and **YBrs. Encik Ahmad Shahredzuan bin Mohd Shariff**, Executive Committee (EXCO) Chairman of PHARMANIAGA were present to give explanations and statements.
3. The first proceeding was conducted on 15 June 2023, involving **YBhg. Dato' Sri Norazman Ayob**, MOH's Deputy Secretary General (Finance).
4. The second proceeding was on 22 August 2023. During this proceeding, the Committee has heard statements and explanations from **YBhg. Dato' Seri Dr. Chen Chaw Min** and **YBhg. Dato Sri Mohd Shafiq bin**

Abdullah, former Sec-Gen of MOH, **YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah**, former Director General of Health as well as **Datin Seri Dr. Asmah binti Samat**, former Director of Medical Development Division of MOH.

5. After hearing witnesses' explanations and statements in today's proceeding, the Committee has decided to summon former Minister of Transport, **YB Datuk Seri Ir Dr Wee Ka Siong** cum Member of Parliament for Ayer Hitam and former MOH Sec-Gen, **YBhg. Dato' Seri Dr. Chen Chaw Min** in the upcoming fourth proceeding next Thursday, 21 September 2023.
6. PAC requires statements and explanations from YB Datuk Seri Dr Wee since his name was mentioned in the previous proceeding and to be fair to him, PAC will listen to his explanations. However, I will not disclose the reason for it, as the PAC proceedings are subject to Standing Order 85 of the Standing Orders of the Dewan Rakyat.
7. Letters to summon these witnesses will be issued today and I hope they will attend the proceeding to assist the PAC to complete its investigation on this issue.

Proceeding on Minister of Finance (Incorporated) – FELCRA Berhad

8. PAC will summon 2 former Chairman of FELCRA Berhad; **YBhg. Dato' Haji Tajuddin bin Abdul Rahman** and **YB Datuk Bung Mokhtar bin Raden** in the upcoming proceeding regarding the FELCRA Berhad issue that was reported in the Auditor General's Report for the Year 2021 Series 2: Management of Federal Government Companies next Monday, 18 September 2023.

9. The PAC has conducted 3 proceedings regarding FELCRA Berhad dated on 27 June 2023, 6 July 2023 and 23 August 2023.

Proceeding on the Progress of the Construction of the Royal Malaysian Navy's Second Generation – Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS) under the Ministry Of Defence

10. As previously informed, the Ministry of Defence will give a briefing to the PAC of the 15th Parliament every 3 months on the progress of the Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS). Hence, the PAC will summon the Ministry of Defence on 3 October 2023 to seek clarification on the progress of the Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS) for the period of June 2023 until October 2023. Previously, the PAC has heard the explanation on the progress of this project for the period of October 2022 until May 2023 on 10 June 2023.

The Tabling of the Report on the Progress of the Royal Malaysian Navy's Second Generation – Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS) under the Ministry Of Defence for the period of October 2022 until May 2023 and the Report on Receipt and Payment under Social Obligations of the Concession Agreement for the National Paddy and Rice Industry Management under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security

11. As of today, the PAC of the 15th Parliament has finalised 2 reports;

- i. The Report on the Progress of the Royal Malaysian Navy's Second Generation – Littoral Combatant Ship (LCS) under the Ministry Of Defence for the period of October 2022 until May 2023; and

- ii. The Report on Receipt and Payment under Social Obligations of the Concession Agreement for the National Paddy and Rice Industry Management under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

Both reports are expected to be tabled in the first week of the Third Meeting of the Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament (2023).

New Proceeding on Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF)

12. The Committee has come to a consensus to start the proceedings on Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF). The title of these proceedings will be determined later and are expected to start in the second week of the Third Meeting of the Second Session of the Fifteenth Parliament (2023).

Declassification of the Investigation Report of the Governance, Procurement and Finance Investigation Committee (JKSTUPKK) on the Land Swap Project under the Ministry of Defence

13. The PAC demands answers from the Government, especially from the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform), YB Dato' Sri Azalina binti Othman Said on the declassification of the Investigation Report of the Governance, Procurement and Finance Investigation Committee (JKSTUPKK) on the Land Swap Project under the Ministry of Defence.
14. The PAC has sent a letter regarding this matter on 13 June 2023 and received a response letter from YB Dato' Sri Azalina binti Othman Said on 27 June 2023. In the letter, the Minister informed that this matter will be

reviewed by the Attorney General's Chamber before any decision is made by the Government.

15. However, after almost 3 months, the Government has not informed the PAC of any decision regarding this matter. PAC has yet to receive anything from the Government in regard to the matter.
16. Hence, the PAC has asked the Government to expedite the process of declassifying the report as JKSTUPKK had tabled the report to the PAC of the 14th Parliament on 2 April 2019 and 16 November 2020. This will allow the current PAC to review this matter as the Government has lost more than RM 500 million in addition to the affected strategic position of defence.
17. After the JKSTUPKK Report on the Land Swap Project is declassified, the PAC will start proceedings regarding this issue to allow the public to know the truth.

Other Matters

18. In conclusion, the PAC is satisfied with the cooperation given by all witnesses, especially by the Government officers who have retired as well as corporate companies involved in the proceedings that have been conducted by the PAC. The PAC would like to thank all the witnesses for their cooperation.

Thank you.

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Chairman of PAC