



25 March 2024

PAC MEDIA STATEMENT

1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today presented the PAC Report on the Follow-up Actions by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) for the Recommendations of the PAC Report Regarding the Management of the Covid-19 Outbreak: Expired Vaccines, Unusable Ventilator Equipment And Surplus of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (DR.11/2023).
2. This report is to inform the follow-up action taken by MOH over the recommendations of PAC in the PAC Report related to the Management of the Covid-19 Outbreak (DR.11/2023), which was tabled in the Parliament on 30 October 2023. In each follow-up action over the recommendations of the PAC report, the Committee also provides feedback on the follow-up action.
3. PAC has conducted a follow-up proceeding of MOH on 7 March 2024 and the witnesses were as follows:
 - i. **Mr. Ramzi bin Mansor**, Deputy Secretary-General of Treasury (Management), Ministry of Finance (MOF);
 - ii. **Dato' Sri Norazman bin Ayob**, Deputy Secretary-General (Finance), Ministry of Health; and
 - iii. **Datuk Dr. Norhayati binti Rusli**, Deputy Director General of Health (Public Health), Ministry of Health.

4. PAC is satisfied that MOH has managed to obtain a refund of RM16,785,910.95 for 104 non-functional ventilator units.
5. This action is in line with the third recommendation of the PAC Report DR.11/2023, which suggested that MOH needs to promptly review the warranty status of all 136 ventilator units and ensure that appropriate action is taken against the responsible parties. Therefore, PAC proposes that the funds obtained be utilised and augmented by MOF to ensure the availability of ventilator equipment in all Government hospitals.
6. PAC has also been informed that following PAC's recommendation, MOH has taken various actions to ensure the full utilisation of the excess stock of boot covers and protective jumpsuits/coveralls. Therefore, PAC wants MOH to ensure that the stock of boot covers and protective jumpsuits/coveralls is at an optimal level for preparations in the event of outbreak/pandemic.
7. The public can read every MOH's follow-up action and PAC feedback by visiting the PAC website at www.parlimen.gov.my/pac.

Thank you.

Honourable Datuk Wira Mas Ermieyati binti Samsudin
Chairman of PAC