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PAC PRESS STATEMENT

TABLING OF THE PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2024 PAC OF THE 15th PARLIAMENT

1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has carried out these activities since January 2024:
 - i. 2 pre-proceeding meetings;
 - ii. 17 proceeding meetings;
 - iii. 6 housekeepings;
 - iv. 5 verification meetings; and
 - v. 3 briefing sessions.

2. Out of these, 10 proceedings, 6 housekeepings, and 1 briefing were done throughout the First Meeting of the Dewan Rakyat starting on 26 February 2024.

3. The PAC has conducted 83 hours of meetings on average for the first quarter of 2024 involving 12 Ministeries, not including a site visit to Sarawak on 5 February to monitor the condition of 4 dilapidated schools.

4. The outcome for all PAC's activities for the first quarter of 2024, i.e 4 PAC Reports and 3 Ministry Follow-up Reports were tabled in the First Meeting of the Dewan Rakyat Session as follows:
 - i. Follow-up Progress of the Royal Malaysian Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Report for October 2022 to September 2023;
 - ii. UiTM Holdings Sdn. Bhd Report on 18 Mac 2024;
 - iii. Property Development Management Report of the Langkawi Development Board on 19 March 2024
 - iv. Flood Forecasting and Warning Programme Report on 20 March 2024;
 - v. Report on the Management of Upgrading and Redevelopment of Poor Buildings in Schools on 21 March 2024
 - vi. Follow-up Report on the Management of the Covid-19 Outbreak: Expired Vaccines, Unusable Ventilator Equipment and Surplus of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on 25 March 2024; and
 - vii. Follow-up Report on the Receipt and Payment of the Social Obligations of the National Paddy and Rice Industry Concession Agreement on 26 March 2024.

5. Another 3 issues have been completed through the proceedings but are yet to be tabled, namely the FELCRA Berhad issue, the issue of the Training Fund Management and the Effectiveness of HRD Corp's Training Programme, as well as issues of Forest Management and Its Environmental Impact.

6. The PAC is currently conducting 2 proceedings which are on the issue of Paddy Planting Management and the Management of the Multi Lane Fast Flow System (MLFF).

7. In addition, 2 new proceedings will start after the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration, which is on the issue of the Armed Forces Fund Board (LTAT) which will be carried out according to the Standing Orders (SO) 77(1)(c) of the Dewan Rakyat and the issue of Development and Procurement of the National Integrated Immigration System (NIISe) according to SO 77(1)(d).
8. The LTAT proceedings will start on 20 June 2024 by calling the former Chairman of LTAT, the former Chief Executive Officer of LTAT and the former Senior Strategic Director of LTAT.
9. The PAC, for the issue of NIISe Procurement and Development, will start the proceedings by calling the witnesses from Ministry of Home Affairs (KDN), Malaysian Immigration Department (JIM) and Malaysian Administrative Modernization and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU), Cybersecurity, vendors related to this system, including the National Immigration Security System (SKIN). The start date of proceedings regarding this issue will be set later and the Terms of Reference (TOR) will be submitted to KDN and JIM in preparation for providing relevant information.
10. PAC decided to start these proceedings following the Committee being impressed by the High Court's decision which ordered the Government to pay a sum of RM231.5 million to the company for the termination of Contract for SKIN project, now known as NIISe.
11. Based on the 7 PAC reports that have been presented, the 15th Parliamentary PAC concluded that the Government needs to continue to work to ensure that the national financial management, especially from contracts, procurement and project priorities are given attention.

12. The PAC is concern that most of the issues being investigated by PAC have these elements:
- i. the project already started although the contract has not been finalized;
 - ii. the project delays are caused by incompetent contractor being selected; and
 - iii. weaknesses in monitoring project management.
13. However, PAC thinks that the corrective action taken by the responsible party to resolve all issues should be commended. It is better if all projects are carried out without any problems so that the people can enjoy the benefits.
14. Lastly, the PAC is satisfied with the cooperation provided by all PAC Members including the ex-officio who have advised and provided guidance in each meeting to ensure that the report produced is transparent and comprehensive. Thank you and the highest appreciation to everyone.

Thank you.

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