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MEDIA STATEMENT BY HON. DATUK DR NORAINI AHMAD,
CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE CUM
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR PARIT SULONG ON THE
REPORT CONCERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF RM19.4
BILLION IN GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST) BY THE ROYAL
MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT (JKDM) UNDER THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- 1) The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Report concerning the Reimbursement of RM19.4 Billion in Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be tabled in the Dewan Rakyat on 16 July 2019.
- 2) The Report has been finalised unanimously by 13 members of PAC today in a Meeting to verify the PAC Report.
- 3) I am grateful to Allah SWT as all members of PAC regardless from the Government and Opposition have achieved a unanimous decision in completing the report, especially on the summary and recommendations regarding this matter.

- 4) I have to admit that it was a long proceeding as PAC took 11 months, starting from 15 August 2018 to complete the report by having 10 proceedings involving 10 witnesses including the former Minister of Finance, Minister of Finance, former Minister of Finance II, former Secretary General of Treasury, Secretary General of Treasury, Director General of the Royal Malaysian Customs Department and Accountant-General.
- 5) Besides having four meetings to prepare for this report, PAC was also briefed by the National Audit Department (JAN) three times and received an opinion from the Attorney-General's Chamber.
- 6) The number of meetings are enough to show that PAC want to ensure the investigations were done comprehensively to seek the truth and justice on this issue for the interest of the nation and the people.
- 7) I would also like to thank the former Chairperson of PAC, Hon. Datuk Seri Dr. Ronald Kiandee who initiated the investigation and proceedings by setting the foundations for PAC in conducting the investigations and proceedings in this issue.
- 8) In preparing for this report, the PAC has received inputs from seven ministries and departments, i.e. the Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Economic Affairs (KHE), Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Attorney General's Chamber (AGC), National Audit Department, Public Service Department (JPA) and Accountant General's Department.

9) The report is very comprehensive with the input, views and feedbacks

from all seven ministries and departments, which have acted as ex-officio of

PAC, are very important in ensuring that all information, summary and

recommendations in the report are not in favour of any party and based on

valid facts and rights.

10) After the tabling of the Report in the Dewan Rakyat, the public can

download it on PAC website at www.parlimen.gov.my/pac on the same day

that it is tabled.

Thank you.

Hon. Datuk Dr. Noraini Ahmad

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