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N.27 Sebuyau
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N.20 Tarat
14. Yang Berhormat Datuk Gerawat Gala
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N.4 Pantai Damai
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Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier (Undang-undang, MA63 dan Hubungan Negeri-Persekutuan)
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Timbalan Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan (Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan) N.30 Balai Ringin

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Timbalan Menteri Pelancongan, Industri Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan (Pelancongan) N.73 Piasau

28. Yang Berhormat Datuk Ir. Aidel bin Lariwoo
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P.G.B.K., K.M.N., J.B.S., P.T.E.
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Timbalan Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi & Pembangunan Wilayah (Komoditi & Pembangunan Wilayah) N.22 Kedup

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P.G.B.K., K.M.N., J.B.S., P.T.E.
<i>Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (Kesejahteraan Komuniti)</i> | N.35 Saribas |
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P.S.B.S., A.B.S.
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50.	Yang Berhormat Datuk Ding Kuong Hiing P.J.N., A.B.S.	<i>N.46 Meradong</i>
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60.	Yang Berhormat Encik Abdul Yakub bin Haji Arbi B.B.S., A.B.S., K.M.N., J.B.K.	<i>N.58 Balingian</i>
61.	Yang Berhormat Encik Safiee bin Haji Ahmad J.B.K., P.P.B.	<i>N.43 Daro</i>
62.	Yang Berhormat Encik Kennedy Chukpai Ugon J.B.S., P.P.N., A.B.S.	<i>N.66 Murum</i>
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66.	Yang Berhormat Dr Simon Sinang @ Sinang anak Bada A.B.S., P.B.S., K.M.N.	<i>N.21 Tebedu</i>

67.	Yang Berhormat Encik Billy anak Sujang P.B.S., P.P.B.	N.1 Opar
68.	Yang Berhormat Encik Azizul Annuar bin Pehin Sri Haji Adenan P.B.S.	N.3 Tanjong Datu
69.	Yang Berhormat Encik Yap Yau Sin P.B.S., K.M.N.	N.12 Kota Sentosa
70.	Yang Berhormat Tuan Haji Mohamad bin Duri P.B.K., A.B.S.	N.38 Kalaka
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76.	Yang Berhormat Encik Royston bin Valentine J.B.K., A.B.S.	N.57 Tellian
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80.	Yang Berhormat Encik Iskandar bin Turkee	N.67 Jepak

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| 8. Puan Nori Othman | <i>Perbadanan Pembangunan Perumahan</i> |
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| 16. Puan Dayang Duraiza binti Haji Awang Jangka | <i>Lembaga Sumber Asli & Alam Sekitar Sarawak</i> |
| 17. Puan Anieta Sylvester Pungga | <i>Perbadanan Pembangunan Ekonomi Sarawak</i> |
| 18. Puan Juliana Lugom | <i>Perbadanan Pembangunan Ekonomi Sarawak</i> |
| 19. Puan Rosemary Langub | <i>Perbadanan Kemajuan Perusahaan Kayu Sarawak</i> |

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22.	Puan Azah Mohamad Jally	<i>Kementerian Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan Sarawak</i>
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2.	Encik Helmy bin Abdul Rahman	<i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>
3.	Encik Shah Riwandy Sia bin Ridzuan	<i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>
4.	Encik Mohammad Zaidi bin Rambli	<i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>
5.	Encik Lawrence Encharang	<i>Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak</i>
6.	Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin bin Gulam Mohamed	<i>Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak</i>
7.	Encik Fadillah bin Lokman	<i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i>
8.	Encik Addison anak Fredrick	<i>Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Bahagian Kuching</i>

SEKRETARIAT PERSIDANGAN DEWAN UNDANGAN NEGERI SARAWAK

1.	Tuan Haji Abang Zaabar bin Abang Ballia
2.	Cik Noria binti Suut
3.	Puan Nur Azira binti Abdul Kadir
4.	Encik Nurkhairudin bin Osen
5.	Puan Rabiah binti Abdul Kadir
6.	Puan Aisha Parveen binti Badron
7.	Cik Genang anak Timbung
8.	Puan Siti Norhiza binti Mohammad Yusri

9. Puan Hanisah Abdullah
10. Cik Siti Halimah binti Mohamad Nawawi
11. Puan Hasfarini binti Hassim
12. Cik Nurhaffizah Abdullah
13. Puan Natasha Nadia binti Mohd. Saidi
14. Puan Angela Lisa anak Mathew Linol
15. Encik Felix Aaron anak Michael
16. Puan Calista Abbie anak Sapa @ Patrick Sapa
17. Cik Sharina binti Sopian
18. Encik Awang Mohammad Asyrul Jaya bin Awang Putra
19. Sarjan Terence anak Jayan
20. Puan Norziana binti Haji Ahmad
21. Encik Mohd Hasfia bin Abdullah
22. Puan Nur Eliana Abdullah
23. Puan Nazmah binti Darham
24. Puan Tracy Lyana anak Bana
25. Encik Mohd Zulkhairi bin Mohammad Hejemi
26. Puan Jasmine Sinja anak Robinson
27. Cik Parcelia Renyelia anak Pamg
28. Cik Nur Zafirah binti Affendy Michael
29. Puan Deidre anak Wilson
30. Encik Muhammad Elliyas bin Matali
31. Cik Siti Nur Marsitah binti Abdullah
32. Puan Nur Amira Lystiani binti Poniman
33. Encik Alwie bin Haji Ali
34. Cik Hawa binti Morsad
35. Encik Razali bin Awi
36. Puan Nora binti Atem
37. Encik Zahari bin Bolhi
38. Encik Lukas Jammany anak Kated
39. Encik Hazrin Syah bin Hamzah
40. Encik Salman bin Jaya
41. Encik Romzi bin Bujang
42. Encik Musa bin Julai
43. Puan Suraya binti Hamden
44. Puan Noraisah binti Ahmad
45. Cik Siti Zalilah binti Samsawi
46. Encik Iz Mohd. Haiqal Hakeem bin Mahamud

PELAJAR PRAKTIKAL

1. Cik Nur Azmina Izzatulrazan binti Ibrahim
2. Encik Mohammad Amir bin Mohammad Zamri
3. Encik Mohamad Aswan bin Ismail

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[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

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PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER

Tuan Speaker: Bismillahirrahmanirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Selamat pagi dan Salam sejahtera.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, we have received a question dated 5th May 2025 from the Honourable Member of Pending seeking written replies on the detailed expenses of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and Cabinet Ministers of Sarawak for official trips overseas. I refer to the points raised by Honourable Member for Padungan stated in Unedited Hansard dated 23rd May 2025 on page 37 and 38.

Under Standing Order 20(3); *“No question shall be asked during the same session with a view to solicit any answer which had been previously refused by the Speaker or if the Minister had declined to answer.”*

Under Standing Order 20(4), it is stated as follows:

“If the Speaker is of the opinion that any question of which a member has given notice to the Secretary or which a member has sought leave to ask without notice is an abuse of the right of questioning, or calculated to obstruct or affect prejudicially the procedure of the Dewan, or to promote feelings of ill-will and so forth.”

Under Standing Order 20(6), it is expressly stated that:

“Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore, a Minister to whom a question is addressed may, with the approval of the Speaker, refuse to answer such question on the ground of public interest, and such refusal cannot be debated or questioned.”

The Sarawak Revenue Budget from 2020 to 2025 steadily climbed in astronomical heights from RM10.6 billion until it reaches a crescendo of RM14.18 billion in 2024. Investments from overseas and foreign investments, like Niagara Falls, poured into Sarawak:

- (a) RM3.18 billion in 2019;
- (b) RM15.3 billion in 2020;
- (c) RM10.32 billion in 2021;
- (d) RM13.52 billion in 2022;
- (e) RM7.8 billion in 2023; and
- (f) RM14.12 billion in 2024.

Over the past five years, Sarawak is flooded with FDI totalling RM54.35 billion. This is unprecedented in the entire history of Sarawak or any state in the nation. It is sound, economic and financial policy and strategy to spend a few millions in order to reap a colossal harvest of multi billions...*(Applause)*...

A question calculated to cast aspersion on this policy would impede and jeopardise Sarawak's economic miracle and expansionist program. The sky rocketing budget must not be derailed for Sarawak to soar up in the limitless sky of development and industrialisation. There is a Machiavellian Doctrine that the end justifies the means. Question is disallowed. Under Standing Order 20(6), leave is given to the Minister's refusal to answer the said question.

Case in point, if you want to purchase an airbus aeroplane from France, you and your team have to travel to Toulon to verify the aircraft, its quality, performance and so forth. You do not go alone. That travelling cost is miniscule compared with the price of the latest aircraft.

Case in point. If you want a state-of-the-art airport and seaport like the one in Doha, you and your team have to travel to Qatar. You cannot use email and online for these airport and seaport for the purchase of latest aircraft from France.

What is the amount of the travelling costs compared with the gigantic herculean costs of a modern state-of-the-art airport and seaport. All this cannot be done by email and online. If you do these transactions by email or online or Facebook, it will be catastrophic, the losses to Sarawak will be in billions. The few millions you spent on travelling become pittance and trivial compared with the billions, multi billions that Sarawak achieved. You do not question and impede Sarawak's progress economic miracle and so forth. Questions is disallowed.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I have granted leave of absence under Standing Order 81 to Ahli Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh, Deputy Minister for Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment; and Honourable Member for N.41 Kuala Rajang for today's sitting.

**SAMBUNGAN PERBAHASAN USUL PENGHARGAAN ATAS UCAPAN
TUAN YANG TERUTAMA YANG DI-PERTUA NEGERI SARAWAK**

[Penggulungan daripada Para Menteri]

Tuan Speaker: Dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn, Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.20 Tarat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn): Tuan Speaker, I wish to share with all the Honourable Members of this august House dua rangkap pantun. That seems to be the trend now.

Pohon sagu malar kehijauan,
Batangnya teguh menahan taufan;
Pemimpin teguh dalam perjuangan,
Membawa Sarawak ke puncak kejayaan.

Sungai Sarawak mengalir tenang,
Membawa kehidupan ke setiap penjuru;
Dengan visi dan dedikasi yang terang,
Sarawak berkembang pesat dan maju.

Tuan Speaker, I wish to express my utmost gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency, the Governor of Sarawak for delivering a visionary and comprehensive address, during the opening of the First Meeting of the Fourth Session, Nineteen Sarawak State Legislative Assembly on the 19th May 2025.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations, to the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak and Member of the State Legislative Assembly for Gedong, on his appointment as the President of the Muslim Welfare Organisation Malaysia (PERKIM). This appointment reflects the trust placed in his leadership, to further the organisation's mission in promoting Islamic welfare and community development. I also wish to convey my sincere congratulations, to the Honourable Member for Satok, on his appointment as the Deputy Minister for Utility, overseeing Sarawak Energy Berhad and Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (PETROS).

Let us join in offering our deepest condolences to the family of the late Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the Fifth Prime Minister of Malaysia, and to the family of the late Datuk Amar Dominic Andrew Dago anak Randan, the former Member of the State Legislative Assembly for Ulu Sadong, whose passing are deeply felt.

Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, affectionately known as “*Pak Lah*”, led Malaysia with a vision of moderation and integrity. His administration launched the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE), aiming to position Sarawak as a leader in renewable energy. The impact of SCORE continues to be felt, driving progress and prosperity across the region.

Before I share some of the significant achievements and initiatives that have been, and will be implemented by my ministry, I would like to record my sincere appreciation to all the Honourable Members of this august House, for their overwhelming support to the ministry’s programmes and initiatives, including the standardised assessment for Primary 6 and Form 3 students, the Free Tertiary Education Scheme (FTES), and other key efforts on innovation and talent development, aimed at enhancing the standard and accessibility of education, innovation and talent development. Not just for students and teachers, but also for all Sarawakians.

UJIAN PENILAIAN DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMME SARAWAK (UP-DLP Sarawak)

Tuan Speaker, the *Ujian Penilaian* Dual Language Programme Sarawak (UP-DLP Sarawak) is a standardised assessment for Primary 6 and Form 3 students taking part in the Dual Language Programme (DLP) in Sarawak. This initiative is a collaborative effort by my ministry, the Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE), the Sarawak State Education Department (JPNS), Swinburne Innovation Malaysia (SWIM), and our state-owned universities.

The assessment covers three core subjects central to the DLP Sarawak curriculum: Science, Mathematics and English. The examination papers for these subjects are developed by our local expert teachers, ensuring they are tailored to the programme’s specific needs and context. Crucially, all examinations papers will also be thoroughly vetted and verified by Cambridge University Press and Assessment (CUP&A). This rigorous process guarantees that the assessments meet international standards.

To formalize this partnership, SWIM signed a Contract Service Agreement with CUP&A on the 30th of April 2025 at Cambridge, United Kingdom, witnessed by the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak. I am pleased to announce that the inaugural UP-DLP Sarawak assessment for Primary 6 students in schools implementing the DLP Sarawak will be held on the 15th and 16th October 2025.

My ministry would like to express our appreciation to all supporting parties, including the MOE Examination Syndicate, JPNS, SWIM, i-CATS, University of Technology Sarawak (UTS), Curtin University Malaysia, and CUP&A. This initiative underscores our commitment to ensuring that, the standard of education in Sarawak continues to meet recognised global standards.

SARAWAK ENHANCEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMME (SEEP)

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Enhancement Education Programme or SEEP launched in August 2024, aims to significantly improve student performance, particularly in the *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia* (SPM) examination. A core element of this initiative is the provision of free tuition to students, specifically targeting those who have not passed their school-based examinations, with the goal of boosting their academic achievement.

SEEP focused on Form 3 students, offering tuition in core subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science and History. For upper secondary students, the programme extends to include tuition for all pure science subjects. The overarching objective is to enhance students’ readiness for STEM related courses at the tertiary level and to prepare them for future careers within STEM fields.

Beyond free tuition, SEEP encompasses a range of supplementary activities. These include the development of comprehensive learning modules for both teachers and students, the creation of a dedicated SEEP Management System, and the organisation of various webinars and workshops. Furthermore, the programme facilitates crucial engagement sessions with teachers and parents. For 2025, the Sarawak Government has allocated RM20 million to support SEEP, an allocation gratefully acknowledged as a testament to the Premier's ongoing commitment to strengthening education in Sarawak.

STEM CATALYST PROGRAMME

Tuan Speaker, the STEM Catalyst Programme, launched in 2025, aims to boost STEM and digital education for students in rural primary and secondary schools across Sarawak. This initiative expands upon prior efforts to improve ICT skills, which included providing Raspberry Pi computers to all 1,265 primary schools in Sarawak. In collaboration with partners like Sarawak Skills, Sarawak Science Centre, Sarawak Digital Economic Corporation or (SDEC), the Rolf Schnyder Foundation, and local community leaders, the programme conducts hands-on STEM activities using the Raspberry Pi computers in schools.

Initial feedback has been positive, indicating that these activities effectively demonstrate the devices' utility and ignite students' interest in science and technology.

Due to its success, my ministry plans to continue expand the program to include more rural schools having already visited school in districts such as Bau, Lundu Padawan, Saratok, Sarikei, Julau and Pakan. This ongoing effort is expected to help achieve the PCDS 2030 goals of 60% STEM enrolment, and at least 30% skilled workforce up from the current figure of 50.8% and 21.2%, that is the 2023 figure, respectively.

ISSUES RAISED BY THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS

Now, I would like to touch on issues raised by the Honourable Members of this august House. Allow me to address the issues that have been brought up by the Honourable Members. These are indeed critical points that my ministry has been closely examining.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

For the information of the Honourable Member for Daro, MOE has approved a project for the use of *Murid Berkeperluan Pendidikan Khas* (MBPK) students in SMK Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajah Normah under the 12th Malaysia Plan, Rolling Plan 4 (RMK-12, RP4).

In response to the Honourable Member for Tellian, project at SK Mukah and SMK Mukah have been approved under the RMK-12, RP4. For SK Dua Sungai and SK Kg. Petanak, both projects have been completed physically and expected to be handed over to JPNS by end of June 2025, after Gawai *la*.

Pertaining to the Honourable Member for Daro again, the reconstruction of the new SK Batang Lassa has been approved under the RMK-12, Rolling Plan 5.

In addressing the query from the Honourable Member for Jepak, SK Sg. Setulan approved under RMK-12 RP5, SK Sg. Selad proposed under RMK-13 Rolling Plan 1, and SK Sg. Silas is currently in the planning stage for the next rolling plan.

Regarding the issues raised by the Honourable Member for Bukit Semuja, JPNS will submit the proposal for the new construction of SMK Serian No. 2, under the RMK-13 once the land acquisition process is fully completed, and the proposal for the construction of SK Sri Sadong has been submitted under the RMK-13, RP1.

Regarding the issue raised by the Honourable Member for Krian, the proposed redevelopment of SK Kabo Ulu has been submitted under the RMK-13, RP1.

As for the issue raised by the Honourable Member for Opar, SK Selampit in Lundu has been earmarked for implementation under the RMK-13, RP2.

Concerning the issues raised by Honourable Member for Ngemah, my ministry supports the Honourable Member's suggestions to relocate the flood-prone schools in Ngemah, and to repurpose the former SMK Datuk Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub or (SEDAYA) site as a Skills Training Centre and we urge JPNS and MOE to take the necessary action.

In relation to the issue raised by the Honourable Member for Balingian, SK Sungai Badengan is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2026.

To address the concerns of the Honourable Member for Ba'Kelalan, my ministry acknowledges the concerns raised regarding SK Long Sukang and SMK Long Semadoh. A site visit was conducted recently by MOE and JPNS, and plans are underway to acquire suitable land and expedite the completion of these projects to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for students. My ministry will continue to coordinate closely with JPNS and other relevant agencies to accelerate progress and provide clear timelines.

As for the issue raised by the Honourable Member for Bukit Begunan, JPNS will conduct a joint visit with *Lembaga Pemeriksa Pelupusan Aset Tak Alih Kerajaan* (LPATA) to SK Tanjung Bijat in the second week of June 2025, to carry out an inspection, followed by the implementation of the demolition of the buildings.

On the matter of Form Six facilities, for the information of the Honourable Member for Daro, JPNS has taken note of the need for a dedicated Form Six centre and will submit a proposal under the upcoming Malaysia Plan, once the project scope, site and staffing needs are finalised.

Regarding the issue raised by the Honourable Member for Meradong, the proposal to set up a Pre-University in Meradong can be considered in the long-term planning. However, for the time being, there are already similar centres within the Central Region, such as Kolej Laila Taib and UTS in Sibul, that offer Diploma courses for qualified and interested SPM leavers to pursue.

To the Honourable Member for Tanjong Datu, we thank you for the strong support towards the proposed Matriculation Centre in Sematan. The project is targeted for tender in December 2025.

Special Education

Tuan Speaker, as for the issue on special education access raised by the Honourable Member for Daro, MOE has approved a project under the RMK-12, RP4, for the construction of an additional building at SMK Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajah Normah, that caters for students with special educational needs.

Curriculum

Regarding the curriculum, my ministry has no objection to the proposals by the Honourable Members for Bukit Semuja and Seremban, to reintroduce Sarawak History in primary schools and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in Pre-University syllabus. Nevertheless, as curriculum matters fall under the jurisdiction of MOE and Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), we will forward the proposals to the said Federal Ministries for their consideration.

Autonomy

As for autonomy in education, which is an issue raised by the Honourable Member for Lingga, I have addressed this august House on the matter of autonomy in education, in my previous winding up. But don't worry, we will continue our dedicated efforts with MOE to further this goal, because there are still some issues to be resolved.

With regard to the issue raised by the Honourable Member for Tellian again, *laku dia punya soalan*, on the number of teachers taking premature retirement, I wish to inform this august House that in 2024, a total of 305 teachers in Sarawak opted for early retirement. Despite this, generally, there are still sufficient teachers serving in our schools across Sarawak.

Bully

Tuan Speaker, my ministry will not tolerate bullying. The school authorities must take prompt and appropriate action to address and prevent such incidents. In support of this, "*Stop Bullying and Sexual Misconduct*" is an ongoing initiative by the MOE, aimed at eradicating bullying among students at school.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Free Tertiary Education Scheme (FTES)

In March, the State Government approved the implementation of the Sarawak Free Tertiary Education Scheme (FTES) with effect from 2026. With respect to this, I would like to emphasise that, FTES is only for Sarawakians. FTES will apply to the following Sarawak-owned institutions of higher learning:

- (a) Swinburne University of Technology Sarawak;
- (b) Curtin University of Malaysia;
- (c) University of Technology Sarawak; and
- (d) i-CATS University College.

The scheme also includes a stipend of RM15,000 per year, to students from households with a per capita income of RM1,500 or below per month.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Bawang Assan, the scheme will first focus on undergraduate degrees in STEM related fields: Law, Medicine, Accounting, Finance, and Psychology. However, there are also other financial assistance in the form of scholarship or loan, provided by Yayasan Sarawak to cater for any other courses, so nobody is being left out.

Free Laptop and Book Voucher Initiatives

I would like to update this august House on the continuation of *Free Laptop and Book Voucher Initiatives*...*(Interruption)*...Ya..

Timbalan Speaker: Will you take it?

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.20 Tarat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn):...*(Continue)*...Ya..

Timbalan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat?

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Thank you, Tuan Speaker and Honourable Minister for giving me this opportunity for clarification. In respect of the free education for Universities of Higher Learning College owned by Sarawak Government. My question is that, why can't the Government provide

free education for all courses undertaken by Sarawakian in those higher learning institutions? After all, according to my research on the revenues of these Universities, their total revenue for year comes up to RM150 millions, not more. And this includes the revenue or tuition fees paid by foreign students whom I believe is not entitled, are not entitled to the free education benefits. So, in all, less than RM150 million for the Government to give free education for all Sarawakian students' studying in those four higher learning institutions. Why only certain courses are given, are provided free education...(Interruption)...

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.20 Tarat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn): Okay.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: ...(Continue)... but not all the courses...(Interruption)...

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.20 Tarat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn): Okay.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen:...(Continue)... in those universities? Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.20 Tarat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn): I get your point, I get your point. I hope, next time, DAP will give free education for everybody in Malaysia. Anyway, for the information of Honourable Member for Padungan, this is only the beginning, and you know we must also spend wisely and at the same time, don't forget my ministry is not just Ministry of Education. It is the Ministry of Education, Innovation and Talent Development. So, we also look at the talent that we need, and we forecast what would be the talent that is required by the state the next few years. It doesn't mean now we give to these courses and stop at that. We look at it first, this is the first test only. So, hopefully, by the time they graduate, you will be very happy also to see it.

Free Laptop and Book Vouch Initiative

Free Laptop and Book Voucher Initiatives. I would like to update this august House on the contribution of the Free Laptop and Book Voucher initiatives, which was launched last year. As of the end of last year, we have successfully distributed 9,581 laptops, and 3,015 book vouchers to eligible students in all institutions of higher learning in Malaysia.

This year, we expect more students will benefit this scheme. In collaboration with Yayasan Sarawak, our implementing agency, we will be enhancing our promotional efforts and engagement activities to ensure that more members of the public are aware of the educational assistance available to students. This assistance is open to all *Anak Sarawak*, studying fulltime at any public or private higher learning institution recognised by MOHE across Malaysia. It is meant for students from families with a per capita income of RM1,500 or below per month.

For the free laptop, applicants must also be in their first year of study, to help them start their studies with the right tools. All applicants must be registered in the My-Yayasan system. We are fully committed in improving access to education for all, and I am confident that this initiative will continue to have a positive and lasting impact on our communities.

Bantuan Kewangan Khas (BKK)

Tuan Speaker, under the *Bantuan Kewangan Khas* (BKK) initiative, which the Right Honourable Premier announced at our last Sitting, every Sarawakian studying at all institutions of higher learning in Malaysia is entitled to a RM1,200 pocket allowance per year, regardless of household income. Based on our estimation, that total number of the students eligible for the BKK is 60,220. As of 24th May 2025, a total of 27,033 students have submitted their applications. I would like to give notice to all eligible students that the closing date for the application is on the 1st June 2025. So, apply as soon as possible.

However, this initiative is not just about easing the burden of daily expenses – they enable our students to focus on their studies, to dream bigger, and to move forward without the weight of financial worry. They are also investments in social mobility, economic prosperity, and a more equitable society.

Last year, my ministry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Affin Group Bank Berhad to establish a Bachelor's Degree in Financial Services Management at UNIMAS. It is an apprenticeship programme, where traditional classroom learning is combined with on-the-job experience at industry partners' premises.

This programme is currently awaiting approval from MOHE, after which UNIMAS will complete the necessary accreditation with the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). We expect the first cohort to begin in October this year.

Ngabas Anak Sarawak

On 14th April 2025, my ministry held the first *Ngabas Anak Sarawak* programme at the Universiti Sains Malaysia Campus in Penang, involving approximately 200 students. This event was co-organised with the *Perkumpulan Anak-anak Sarawak (PERKASA)*, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). This event which was attended by students from 10 institutions of higher learning, aimed to foster engagement between the State Government and Sarawak students studying in the Northern Region that is in Penang, Perlis, Kedah, and Perak.

The event provided a platform for career exposure, networking, and support via forums, sharing sessions, and exhibitions by eight Sarawak-based agencies and NGO, namely Human Resource Development and Management Unit (HRDM), Department of the Premier of Sarawak, Pejabat Perhubungan Sarawak Kuala Lumpur (Rumah Sarawak), Sarawak Skills, CENTEXS, Sarawak Microelectronics Design (SMD) Semiconductor Sarawak, Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (PETROS), Yayasan Sarawak, and Sarawak Volunteers.

During the event, an alumnus of USM was invited to give a motivational talk to the students as well. Overall, the students who attended the event were very enthusiastic about the opportunity to engage with our ministry and the various agencies. They even verbally requested that we visit their campus for the next *Ngabas Anak Sarawak* event.

Innovation: Sarawak Innovation Index (SARii)

Tuan Speaker, on...(Interruption)...

Timbalan Speaker: Just call me Speaker, please...(Interruption)...

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.20 Tarat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn): Uh...(Interruption)...

Timbalan Speaker: For the record, just call me Speaker only...(Interruption)...

Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.20 Tarat (YB Dato Sri Roland Sagah Wee Inn): Okay. Tuan Speaker... (Interruption)... (Inaudible)... Insya-Allah...(Inaudible)...

Tuan Speaker, my ministry is making significant progress in developing the Sarawak Innovation Index (SARii). We have engaged in crucial discussions with various stakeholders, including private sector leaders, federal agencies like Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT); Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MOSTI); and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

It is important to highlight that MIGHT, as the federal agency entrusted with developing the Malaysian Innovation Index (MII) and possessing extensive experience in developing innovation indices, has offered to provide professional assistance for SARII's development. We have received their proposal, and my Ministry is currently studying it.

My Ministry aims to develop a comprehensive index framework that aligns with both the Malaysian Innovation Index (MII) and the Global Innovation Index (GII). This strategic alignment will allow SARII to clearly demonstrate Sarawak's performance across key innovation indicators, enabling us to benchmark our progress against other countries in Southeast Asia, Asia, and globally.

TROPI

TROPI has been appointed as Malaysia's sole partner for the Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) Budgets in Peatlands that's from processes to Global Comprehension project this year. This collaboration involves the deployment of a MIRO Multi compound Gas Analyser System, not YB Miro *aaah*, the spelling is the same MIRO, at a field site in February 2025, to continuously monitor greenhouse gas (GHG) fluxes, specifically Nitrous Oxide (N₂O), Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), and Methane (CH₄).

To address data transmission challenges for the remote location, the MIRO system is integrated with Starlink satellite internet, enabling real-time, digitized data transfer to TROPI's repository. This setup allows TROPI researchers to continuously access, monitor, and analyse GHG flux data, significantly improving the efficiency and responsiveness of their monitoring efforts.

I wish to congratulate Datu Dr. Lulie Melling who was conferred the Research Fellow Award by the Malaysian Society of Soil Science. It is a notable recognition for distinguished members of the society who have made significant contribution to the field of soil science and agriculture...(Applause)...

In 2025, TROPI significantly contributed to global scientific discourse on peatland conservation and sustainable development, representing Sarawak to speak at major international forums such as the International Soil Science Conference 2025, the European Geosciences Union General Assembly (EGU2025), the International Peatland Society Annual Convention 2025, and the 12th INTECOL Wetlands Conference.

Sarawak Biodiversity Centre

I would like to highlight a systematic approach that Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) undertakes to commercialise its biodiversity-based products. This approach involves a progression of registering end products that have traditional claims, to scientifically validated modern health claims and subsequently as pharmaceutical applications.

As a start, SBC is targeting four monographs of local species. Monographs are detailed scientific documents that describe the species characteristics, their traditional uses, preparation methods, phytochemical information, pharmacological as well as safety and toxicity of the species. These are important references for registering a product.

With the monographs, SBC will register these species as natural products with traditional claims by November 2025, with the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA). If successfully commercialised, these will result in benefit sharing with the communities.

Tuan Speaker, speaking of communities, on the 22nd to 24th May this year, a few days ago, 46 members from 15 indigenous communities from 40 locations throughout Sarawak convened at SBC for the annual Traditional Knowledge Documentation Workshop. The spotlight of this annual workshop is on prioritising their respective plants and associated traditional knowledge for commercialisation.

This fits nicely with the international theme for Biodiversity Day 2025 which is “*Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development*”. By recognising the value of traditional knowledge and our biological resources, we are not only committed to sustainable economic growth, but also the preservation of our biodiversity.

CRAUN

Tuan Speaker, CRAUN remains at the forefront of research and innovation, on value-added products derived from sago and *nipah* resources.

CRAUN achieved significant recognition at the Seoul International Invention Fair (SIIF) 2024. All three of their submitted inventions received medals:

- (a) a Gold Medal for their “*System for Treatment of Agricultural Waste and Process thereof*”;
- (b) a Silver Medal for “*Standard Equation for Determining Total Starch Content in Sago Logs Using Regression Analysis Technique*”; and
- (c) a Bronze Medal for “*Gut-Healthy Goodness: Potential of Sago (*metroxylon sago*) as prebiotic*”.

Sarawak Research and Development Council (SRDC)

Tuan Speaker, this year, Sarawak Research and Development Council (SRDC) has allocated a total of RM6.7 million to further strengthen the research and development ecosystem in Sarawak. Of this, RM5.9 million, has been allocated to advancing research in strategic areas, particularly renewable energy, focusing on hydrogen, solar, and wave technologies. These efforts are in line with Sarawak’s development priorities and our commitment to sustainable innovation.

The remaining RM800,000 has been assigned to support two key initiatives aimed at nurturing young talent and school children, namely the BrightSparX Programme, and the Premier’s BrightSparX Innovation Award Programme.

These programmes are designed to inspire the next generation of Sarawakian innovators. On the matter of Intellectual Property, I am pleased to report that, to date, projects funded by SRDC have successfully filed ten intellectual properties.

Sarawak Infectious Disease Centre (SIDC)

Tuan Speaker, I would like to update this august House that the construction of Sarawak Infectious Disease Centre (SIDC) facility in Samarahan that began in March 2024 is progressing a schedule. On 6th May 2025, SIDC signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with the University of Edinburgh: focusing on diagnostics and One Health with the United Kingdom Government support, the ROSE Foundation based in University of Malaya; piloting Human Papillomavirus (HPV) self-sampling in rural Sarawak, and UNIMAS for joint infectious disease research, and international partners for potential vaccine development.

SIDC also launched the Ali Wallace Joint Research and Training Centre with Murdoch University. 10 SIDC staff will be trained in Australia, and four Murdoch researchers are currently in Sarawak, with two PhD slots allocated to SIDC. Murdoch is also supporting the Centre’s AI-enabled ICT design.

Locally, SIDC has begun a disease surveillance programme in Ulu Undop, with two more sites in Kuching planned this year. It is also piloting latent tuberculosis diagnosis in high-risk areas in preparation for the Sarawak Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (STEP).

In partnership with the Department of Veterinary Services, SIDC is using portable genome sequencing to monitor African Swine Fever Virus and strengthen biosecurity in the pork industry.

Sarawak Science Centre

The Sarawak Science Centre's construction progress is currently at 65%, and completion is anticipated by late December 2025. We are on schedule for soft opening in the first quarter of 2026.

Under Sarawak Science Centre, we are setting up a satellite hub at the Sarawak Biovalley Pilot Plant in Miri, that comes together with Common Science Lab. This is the first Common Science Lab in Sarawak, and it will be utilised by students around Miri to carry out science experiments that cannot be done at school.

Sarawak Microelectronics Design (SMD)

Tuan Speaker, to strengthen Sarawak's presence in the global semiconductor landscape, Sarawak Microelectronics Design (SMD) has recently established an R&D Innovation Hub in Newport Wales, United Kingdom, in collaboration with CSA Catapult, UK. This strategic move gives us direct access to world-class research facilities, top-tier talent, and key industry partners.

A major highlight this year is the development of keteq.ai, an Edge AI-power converter we soft-launched in Newport Wales, United Kingdom witnessed by the Right Honourable Premier of Sarawak. This keteq.ai prototype is a breakthrough for smart grids, EVs, and industrial systems, using AI for real-time power management and energy efficiency.

Sarawak aims for 500 skilled semiconductor engineers by 2030. SMD is running various upskilling and reskilling programmes to achieve this. One key programme is the Semiconductor Mastery Programme, partnered with Melexis and CENTEXS. To date, 28 trainees have completed their six-month training and were hired by SMD, Melexis, and X-FAB.

Sarawak Artificial Intelligence Centre (SAIC)

The Sarawak Artificial Intelligence Centre (SAIC) is central to our vision of securing Sarawak's AI sovereignty. This will be realised through the establishment of a trusted AI infrastructure, development of local AI and domain talent, protection of Sarawak's data ownership, and the deployment of AI solutions that enhance governance, public service delivery, and AI security.

In 2025 SAIC is leading the development of the Sarawak AI Roadmap, a strategic blueprint to guide our efforts in building an inclusive and future-ready AI ecosystem. As part of this initiative, SAIC is co-developing Sarawak's AI strategy and policy framework with government policymakers, ensuring alignment with Sarawak's digital agenda.

At the same time, SAIC will work with stakeholders and industry partners to design a comprehensive strategy for AI talent development. This will include training, up-skilling in capacity-building efforts aimed at empowering Sarawakians with the skills needed to thrive in an AI-driven economy.

In addition, SAIC will embark on research and development in artificial intelligence, in partnership with research institutions and institutions of higher learning. These efforts will place Sarawak at the forefront of technological innovation and knowledge creation. One of the key focus areas under the AI Roadmap is the development of DeepSAR, a specialised AI platform co-developed with stakeholders from the biodiversity sector and other relevant industries. DeepSAR will support advanced research and data-driven solutions that draw on Sarawak's rich natural heritage and sectoral expertise.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Sarawak was appointed as a member of the *Majlis Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional Negara* (MTVET), led by the Deputy Prime Minister, in April 2025. This appointment

reflects the importance of addressing human capital needs to meet Sarawak's workforce demand and align with national policy. This demonstrates the government's commitment to enhancing the coordination of the TVET ecosystem in Sarawak, with strong support from relevant ministries, agencies, academia, and industry players.

On another note, Sarawak has been appointed as a member of the Majlis Pertandingan Kemahiran Malaysia (MPKM) chaired by the Deputy Minister of Human Resources (MOHR). The MPKM oversees national and international skills competitions, policies, standards, promotion and participation.

Sarawak's involvement in MPKM is expected to enhance technical skills training, provide greater exposure to national and global competitions, and strengthen vocational collaboration and networking opportunities. On the Industry Continuous Professional Development (iCPD) programme, this is the second year my ministry is implementing the programme that aims to enhance the competitiveness and employability of our local workforce, addressing evolving skill requirements.

This year, iCPD prioritises on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Coordinator training. This focus aligns with the Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2022, specifically Section 29A, which mandates the appointment of an OSH Coordinator at any workplace with a minimum of five employees. The role is crucial in ensuring compliance with OSH regulations and maintaining a safe working environment.

Talent Policy

In response to the Honourable Member for Ba'Kelalan, the State Government is fully aware of the issue raised. My ministry has been authorised to conduct a study on the Sarawak Talent Policy. Aligned with the PCDS 2030, the government is committed to creating a holistic and supportive ecosystem that will generate a skilled workforce capable of meeting the industry demands in Sarawak.

Last September, the government approved the Sarawak Talent Policy Study, which is now being carried out by my ministry in collaboration with an appointed consultant. This study aims to develop a comprehensive talent development program.

BIMP-EAGA

My ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Arts; and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development, plays a crucial role within the Social, Culture and Education (SCE) Cluster under BIMP EAGA. A notable achievement under this initiative was the 4th BIMP-EAGA TVET Conference 2024, held last December. Co-organised with Sarawak Skills and BIMP EAGA, the conference was a success, attracting participants from diverse countries including Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei, the United Kingdom, China, Australia and Timor-Leste.

The conference, themed "*Building a Sustainable Future Through TVET*", highlighted strong international collaboration with 21 speakers from various nations. The event solidified Sarawak's position as a regional TVET hub, through the exchange of MoU and Letters of Intent with institutions from Indonesia, the Philippines, and China, complemented by 32 exhibitors and institutional visits.

Just to add, my ministry in strategic collaboration with *Tabung Ekonomi Gagasan Anak Sarawak* (TEGAS), will host the 11th Sarawak Career and Training Fair (S-CaT Fair) at Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK) on 5th and 6th July 2025. Everyone is welcome whether within or outside this House. This event connects aspiring talents with education and industry pathways, featuring over 50 institutions and open interview sessions by *Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial* (PERKESO) for immediate job matching.

SARAWAK SKILL

As of 2024, Sarawak Skills enrolled 2,804 students, and trained 1,935 working adults from 294 companies, through 26 specialised programmes. This has established Sarawak Skills as a vocational and technical education centre, with 93% of graduates finding employment within six months due to its industry-aligned curriculum. Many graduates also earn high starting salaries. In 2025, Sarawak Skills have developed four initiatives expected to benefit more than 3,000 Sarawakians yearly, both to train new and existing workforce. The four initiatives are:

- (a) Automotive Programmes covering Hybrid, Electric and Hydrogen Vehicles Training Programmes;
- (b) Renewable (Solar and Floating Solar) and Smart Building Training Programmes;
- (c) Food Security – Paddy Production Programme and Hydrogen Agriculture training programmes; and
- (d) Smart Manufacturing Training Programmes.

CENTEXS

To answer the issues raised by the Honourable Member for Tullian and Balingian, CENTEXS is developing a technology hub at Mukah, focusing on Electric Vehicles (EV), robotics, AI, and green energy. As of now, CENTEXS Mukah has trained 850 individuals in the Oil and Gas sector. Currently, CENTEXS and Amazon Web Services (AWS) launched AI Initiatives in 2025. These initiatives include Executive AI briefings for C-Suite leaders, AWS Certified Practitioner training for Civil Servants, and advanced certification in Machine Learning Engineering and Data Engineering for university graduates.

CENTEXS is actively integrating AI across key sectors like energy, agriculture, digital, and manufacturing. To provide real-world experience, CENTEXS has partnered with industry leaders such as Siemens Energy, AWS, Solarvest, and Huawei, who will mentor graduates on live projects through the CENTEXS Innovation and Invention Centre. Additionally, CENTEXS Lawas has partnered with the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak (DVSS), Maragang Green Valley, and University Putra Malaysia (UPM) to address the need for a skilled workforce in the livestock farming industry, focusing on ruminant management training, R&D, and employability.

On the matter raised by the Honourable Member for Tanjong Datu regarding the CENTEXS Lundu, we take note of the suggestion, and we will let the matter be decided in a meeting between CENTEXS and i-CATS. For the information of this august House, i-CATS University College (i-CATS UC) Faculty of Aerospace Engineering will be offering the first Bachelor Degree Programme in Aerospace Engineering in August 2025.

Recently at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA'25) Exhibition, i-CATS UC has signed three MoUs with:

- (a) National Aerospace Industry Corporation Malaysia (NAICO) – to strengthen Sarawak's aerospace ecosystem through talent development and capacity building;
- (b) WESTARS Aviation Services – to support Sarawak's ambition to become a regional hub for aerospace talent, innovation, and technical excellence; and
- (c) Dviation – Dviation not Dev, to provide students with internationally aligned certifications and technical proficiencies relevant to current aerospace industry needs.

While for the Honourable Member for Repok, for now, there is no plan to develop any TVET institution in Sarikei.

GREATER KUCHING COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (GKCDA)

I would like to touch on the Greater Kuching Coordinated Development Agency, or GKCDA, a key responsibility entrusted to me. The agency's primary aim is to improve the lives of people within its jurisdiction through well-planned and targeted development initiatives. What makes GKCDA unique is its bottom-up approach, which actively involves local leaders, community representatives, and NGOs in identifying and planning development projects.

GKCDA oversees development in the Greater Kuching area, covering Kuching and Serian divisions, comprising the district of Lundu, Bau, Siburan, Serian, and Tebedu. Altogether, there are 10 state constituencies under GKCDA's care.

The agency's focus on five key areas: infrastructure development; utility and telecommunication services; agriculture; economic and tourism growth; and social development. To date, GKCDA manages a total of 391 projects. The majority, 60% are infrastructure-related, followed by utilities and telecommunications at 16%, social development at 13%, agriculture at 6%, and economic and tourism initiatives at 5%. These figures reflect GKCDA's strong commitment to fostering a balanced and inclusive development across the Greater Kuching region.

Tuan Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank State Secretary, State Attorney General, State Financial Secretary, State Federal Secretary, all Ministries, Departments and Agencies, both State and Federal, that have rendered their assistance to my Ministry to get things done.

I would also like to thank your good self, Sir and the Speaker himself for having conducted the sitting of this august House seamlessly and keeping the running of proceedings with decorum and dignity. Not forgetting my deepest appreciation to all officers and staff of my ministry, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that work runs smoothly. To all the Honourable Members in this august House and the people of Sarawak, I wish you a heartfelt *Selamat Hari Ibu, ibu tengok ah. Hari Guru, dia juga. Hari Wesak... (Laughter)...* Nurses Day, so many days and more recently Biodiversity Day on 22nd of May... *(Laughter)...* May these special occasions bring meaningful reflection and joy as we celebrate mothers, educators, the spirit of Wesak, our dedicated nurses, and the incredible biodiversity of our planet.

As Gawai is approaching, I wish all Dayak, *Selamat Ari Gawai, Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai, Lantang Senang, Nguan Menua*. In Bidayuh, *Sramat Gawai ka so purug. Mite Tapa da nyiberkat kerja ta ka da pinyidapud ta bitambah yun seba adi re nug. Tara tara tara... Indi' Awang Indi' Asung.*

To all our Muslim Honourable Members and everyone, we extend our warmest wishes as you embark on the sacred journey of the Hajj. May this blessed pilgrimage bring you peace, spiritual growth and fulfilment. As you celebrate Aidiladha, may this special occasion be filled with love, joy and blessings for you and your loved ones.

To the Governor Tun Pehin Sri and your family, my ministry wishes you a safe and smooth journey during the Hajj pilgrimage. *Selamat menunaikan Ibadah Haji*. May your sacrifices and prayers be accepted and may you continue to be surrounded by God's grace and mercy. And on those note Tuan Speaker, I fully support the Motion on the Address of the Governor.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Yang Berhormat Menteri, Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat di atas ucapan penggulungan tadi. Next, I would like to respectfully invite Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi, Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan. Silakan Yang Berhormat.

Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N. 27 Sebuyau (YB Dato Sri Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberi ruang dan peluang serta keizinan kepada saya untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan bagi Kementerian Utiliti

dan Telekomunikasi Sarawak pada Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Keempat Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak Kesembilan Belas pada hari ini.

Izinkan saya memulakan ucapan dengan menjunjung kasih dan menzahirkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah dan penghargaan kepada Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar, Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak kerana telah merasmikan Persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri dengan jayanya. Ucapan yang banyak memberi panduan dan idea untuk membolehkan kita melaksanakan tugas di pihak kerajaan.

Tuan Speaker, saya juga ingin mengambil peluang ini untuk mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak kerana telah dipilih sebagai Presiden PERKIM baru-baru ini. Dan saya percaya kepimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier yang berwawasan dan komitmen yang tidak berbelah bahagi dalam menerajui pembangunan Sarawak telah menjadi contoh dan diberi kepercayaan untuk memimpin satu pertubuhan yang besar di Malaysia. Kita juga mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah dan penghargaan kepada usaha yang tidak jemu-jemu yang telah diusahakan oleh Yang Berhormat Premier Sarawak dalam memperkasakan sektor utiliti dan telekomunikasi kerana ianya sesungguhnya merupakan iltizam berterusan kerajaan GPS Sarawak dalam mencapai status wilayah maju dan berpendapatan tinggi menjelang tahun 2030.

Saya juga ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada semua rakan-rakan Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang telah mengambil bahagian secara aktif dalam perbahasan sepanjang mesyuarat ini, khususnya menyentuh tentang perkara-perkara yang berkaitan di bawah tanggungjawab Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi. Insya-Allah kami di Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi dan semua agensi-agensi yang berkaitan di bawah seliaan kementerian saya akan mengambil tindakan dan perhatian terhadap segala cadangan yang dikemukakan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat.

Tuan Speaker, ucapan penggulungan saya akan menggariskan kepada empat perkara yang dipertanggungjawabkan kepada Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi. Pertama ialah mengenai:

- (a) Bekalan Air;
- (b) Kedua, Bekalan Elektrik;
- (c) Ketiga, Pengedaran Gas; dan;
- (d) Keempat, Mengenai Kemudahan Telekomunikasi di Sarawak

BEKALAN AIR

Pertama, saya ingin menyentuh mengenai bekalan air. Sekarang saya menyentuh perkembangan terkini berkenaan pembangunan bekalan air di Sarawak. Dan untuk bekalan air, yang ingin saya tekankan di sini ialah mengenai Pelan Induk Bekalan Air dan Grid Air Sarawak yang sedang kita laksanakan pada masa kini.

Pelan Induk Bekalan Air dan Grid Air Sarawak

Pembangunan bekalan air di Sarawak adalah berdasarkan kepada Pelan Induk Bekalan Air dan Grid Air Sarawak. Pelan Induk ini telah menggariskan perancangan yang holistik bagi meluaskan liputan serta keterjaminan bekalan air di Sarawak untuk jangka masa panjang.

Pelaksanaan pelan ini telah menunjukkan impak yang positif. Liputan bekalan air luar bandar telah meningkat daripada 61.9% pada tahun 2018 kepada 70.5% sehingga kini di kawasan luar bandar. Di kawasan bandar pula, kadar liputan adalah jauh lebih baik mencapai lebih 99%, menjadikan liputan, kalau kita ambil kira kedua-dua liputan bagi kawasan luar bandar dan di kawasan bandar sehingga kini mencecah kepada tahap 85.4%. A lot more to be done, Tuan Speaker especially in the rural areas. We will continue and continue to implement our Pelan Induk Bekalan Air dan Grid Air di Sarawak continuously and aggressively right now.

Kementerian saya kini sedang giat membangunkan sistem bekalan air merentasi seluruh Sarawak yang menghubungkan Wilayah Selatan, Wilayah Tengah hingga ke Wilayah Utara. Mungkin perlu juga saya kongsi di sini bahawa kita sekarang mempunyai kapasiti pengeluaran daripada loji rawatan air di seluruh Sarawak sebanyak 2,482 juta liter air sehari. Ini kapasiti untuk semua loji rawatan air di Sarawak, Tuan Speaker. Saya ulangkan 2,482 juta liter air sehari dan kesemua loji ini berkeupayaan menghasilkan air terawat sebanyak 2,050 juta air sehari. Dan Insya-Allah, ianya akan kita tambah berdasarkan Pelan Induk Air yang kita sedang laksanakan pada hari ini.

Sistem Grid Bekalan Air di Wilayah Selatan

Sistem Grid Bekalan Air di Wilayah Selatan meliputi Bahagian Kuching, Bahagian Samarahan, Bahagian Serian, Bahagian Sri Aman dan Bahagian Betong melibatkan pembinaan dan naik taraf sebanyak sembilan buah loji rawatan air utama dan pemasangan saluran paip grid air dengan anggaran 1,081 km.

Sukacita dimaklumkan di Dewan yang mulia ini, tiga buah loji rawatan air utama telah siap dinaik taraf seperti berikut:

- (a) Loji Rawatan Air Batu Kitang, Kuching (*Plant 2, Modul 3 and 4*) yang telah kita naik taraf daripada kapasiti 764 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 868 juta liter air sehari (JLH);
- (b) Loji Rawatan Air Slabi di Serian yang telah kita naik taraf daripada 60 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 110 juta liter air sehari (JLH); dan
- (c) Loji Rawatan Air Bayai di Sri Aman yang telah kita naik taraf daripada 33 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 53 juta liter air sehari (JLH).

Manakala Tuan Speaker, enam buah lagi loji rawatan air di Wilayah Selatan masih dalam pelbagai peringkat pelaksanaan seperti berikut:

- (a) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Batu Kitang Plant 4 (Modul 7) yang kini sedang dilaksanakan kerja-kerja menaik taraf kapasitinya daripada 868 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 968 juta liter air sehari (JLH);
- (b) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Lubau daripada 30 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 60 juta liter air sehari (JLH) sedang giat dilaksanakan sekarang;
- (c) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Kaki Wong daripada 30 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 60 juta liter air sehari (JLH). Ini di bahagian Betong ya;
- (d) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu Lundu berkapasiti 20 juta liter air sehari (JLH) di Bahagian Kuching;
- (e) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu di Landeh yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 200 juta liter air sehari (JLH); dan seterusnya
- (f) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu di Engkilili yang mempunyai kapasiti 75 juta liter air sehari (JLH) dan kerja-kerja di tapak sudah pun bermula.

Tuan Speaker, bagi saluran grid bekalan air pula, sebanyak 311 kilometer paip telah siap manakala tambahan sebanyak 770 kilometer sedang dan akan dilaksanakan untuk menghubungkan seluruh Wilayah Selatan dan seterusnya menghala menuju ke Wilayah Tengah.

Sistem Grid Bekalan Air di Wilayah Tengah

Sistem grid bekalan air di Wilayah Tengah pula meliputi Bahagian Sarikei, Sibul, Mukah dan Bahagian Kapit yang melibatkan pembinaan dan kerja-kerja naik taraf sebanyak 11 buah loji rawatan air utama dan pemasangan saluran paip grid air dengan anggaran 1,143 kilometer. Setakat ini, tiga buah loji rawatan air utama di Wilayah Tengah telah siap dibina seperti berikut:

- (a) Loji Rawatan Air Tanjung Manis, Mukah yang mempunyai kapasiti 30 juta liter air sehari (JLH) dan ianya sebenarnya telah pun dirasmikan pembukaannya oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak;

- (b) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Bayong, Sarikei daripada 70 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 100 juta liter air sehari (JLH) yang juga telah dirasmikan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak baru-baru ini; dan
- (c) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Bason di Mukah daripada 15 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 60 juta liter air sehari (JLH).

Tuan Speaker, manakala, lapan buah lagi loji rawatan air sedang dan akan dilaksanakan kini dalam pelbagai peringkat pelaksanaan seperti berikut:

- (a) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Salim di Sibu daripada 150 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 300 juta liter air sehari (JLH) dan kerja-kerja di tapak sedang rancak dijalankan dan boleh saya kongsi di sini bahawa kerja-kerja di tapak menaik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Salim, Sibu adalah mendahului jadual;
- (b) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Julau daripada 1.6 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 5 juta liter air sehari (JLH) juga sedang giat dilaksanakan di tapak lapangan dan ini telah pun saya saksikan bersama-sama semasa meninjau kerja-kerja di tapak lapangan baru-baru ini;
- (c) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Basong, Mukah daripada 60 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 120 juta liter air sehari (JLH) dan seterusnya;
- (d) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Kapit daripada 28.5 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 60.5 juta liter air sehari (JLH);
- (e) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Belaga daripada 5 juta liter air sehari (JLH) kepada 15 juta liter air sehari (JLH);
- (f) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu Julau yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 30 juta liter air sehari (JLH);
- (g) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu Kanowit yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 25 juta liter air sehari (JLH); dan seterusnya
- (h) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu Song yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 20 juta liter air sehari (JLH).

Bagi saluran grid bekalan air pula, sepanjang 125 kilometer telah siap dibina di Wilayah Tengah dan tambahan sebanyak 1,018 kilometer sedang dan akan dilaksanakan untuk menghubungkan Wilayah Tengah yang akan disambungkan menghala menuju ke Wilayah Utara. Bagi Bahagian Limbang dan Lawas pula, ianya akan dimasukkan selepas jalan Sabah-Sarawak Link Road (SSLR) siap kelak.

Sistem Grid Bekalan Air di Wilayah Utara

Sistem grid bekalan air di Wilayah Utara meliputi Bahagian Bintulu, Bahagian Miri dan Bahagian Limbang yang melibatkan pembinaan dan naik taraf sebanyak 12 buah loji rawatan air utama dan pemasangan saluran paip grid air dengan anggaran sejauh 569 km.

Sukacita dimaklumkan juga, Tuan Speaker, di Dewan yang mulia ini, tiga buah loji rawatan air utama telah siap dinaik taraf seperti berikut:

- (a) Loji Rawatan Air Nyabau, Bintulu daripada 254 JLH kepada 354 JLH;
- (b) Loji Rawatan Air Berawan, Limbang yang telah dinaik taraf daripada 20 JLH kepada 40 JLH; dan
- (c) Loji Rawatan Air Trusan, Lawas yang telah dinaik taraf dan siap daripada 20 JLH kepada 40 JLH.

Manakala, sembilan lagi loji rawatan air di Wilayah Utara dijangka akan dilaksanakan pada suku keempat tahun 2025 seperti berikut:

- (a) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Nyabau daripada 354 JLH kepada 554 JLH;
- (b) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Samalaju daripada 80 JLH kepada 160 JLH;
- (c) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Suai daripada 30 JLH kepada 45 JLH;
- (d) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Long Lama daripada 2 JLH kepada 10 JLH;
- (e) Naik taraf Loji Rawatan Air Trusan daripada 40 JLH kepada 90 JLH;

- (f) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu di Beluru yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 75 JLH;
- (g) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu Lawas yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 20 JLH;
- (h) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu Sangan yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 20 JLH; dan
- (i) Loji Rawatan Air Baharu Samalaju yang akan mempunyai kapasiti 120 JLH.

Bagi saluran grid bekalan air pula, sebanyak 23 km saluran paip grid telah siap manakala tambahan 546 km sedang dan akan dilaksanakan di Wilayah Utara. Keseluruhan sistem grid bekalan air termasuk loji rawatan air akan dilaksanakan secara berperingkat sehingga tahun 2030. Dengan siapnya keseluruhan sistem grid ini kelak, Tuan Speaker, liputan bekalan air di Sarawak akan menjadi lebih menyeluruh serta berdaya tahan bagi menjamin kelestarian bekalan air untuk jangka masa panjang.

Inisiatif Pendekatan Acute Water Treatment Plant

Sekarang, Tuan Speaker, saya ingin menyentuh tentang Inisiatif Pendekatan *Acute Water Treatment Plant*. Tuan Speaker, sementara menunggu pembinaan loji rawatan air utama untuk disiapkan seperti yang dirancang berdasarkan Pelan Induk Air, Jabatan Bekalan Air Luar Bandar Sarawak (JBALB) telah melaksanakan Inisiatif *Acute Water Treatment Plant* bagi menangani masalah kekurangan bekalan air di kawasan kritikal sebagai penyelesaian jangka pendek ataupun penyelesaian segera. Setakat ini, 13 buah *Acute Water Treatment Plant* telah beroperasi manakala sembilan buah lagi sedang dan akan dilaksanakan pada tahun ini.

Program Menaik Taraf dan Penggantian Paip Lama/ Uzur

Tuan Speaker, sekarang saya ingin menyentuh tentang Program Menaik Taraf dan Penggantian Paip Lama dan Paip Uzur di seluruh Sarawak. Kerajaan Sarawak adalah Kerajaan yang prihatin. Kerajaan Sarawak telah mula melaksanakan program menaik taraf dan mengganti saluran paip air lama yang uzur sepanjang 2,740 km yang melibatkan peruntukan yang telah diluluskan oleh Kerajaan Sarawak sebanyak RM1.1 bilion dan ianya akan dapat mengatasi masalah *Non-Revenue Water* (NRW) di masa yang akan datang. Dan ianya dijangka akan kita laksanakan untuk jangka masa lima tahun secara berfasa.

Setakat ini, Tuan Speaker, bagi projek yang telah diluluskan untuk tahun 2024 dan tahun 2025, ada satu projek yang telah siap, 43 projek dalam pelbagai peringkat pembinaan dan 97 projek dijangka akan bermula secara berperingkat pada tahun ini. Keseluruhan program ini seperti yang saya katakan tadi akan kita dilaksanakan secara berfasa untuk jangka masa lima tahun.

Penubuhan One Entity for Sarawak Water Supply

Untuk makluman ahli Dewan yang mulia ini, proses penggabungan ketiga-tiga entiti bekalan air di Sarawak kini berada di peringkat akhir. Pelancaran akan dilakukan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak dalam masa yang terdekat dan penggabungan ini melibatkan entiti Lembaga Air Kuching, Lembaga Air Sibu dan Laku Management Sdn. Bhd.

BEKALAN ELEKTRIK

Seterusnya Tuan Speaker, saya ingin menyentuh tentang bekalan elektrik.

Penjanaan dan Permintaan Bekalan Elektrik di Sarawak

Untuk makluman ahli Dewan yang mulia ini, kapasiti penjanaan elektrik di Sarawak pada masa ini adalah sebanyak 5,898 Megawatt, ya 5,898 Megawatt. Manakala, permintaan terkini ialah sebanyak 4,887 Megawatt. Ini bermakna kalau kita bandingkan kedua-dua angka tersebut yang melibatkan penjanaan dan permintaan, Sarawak mempunyai kapasiti yang mencukupi untuk keperluan pelanggan ataupun isi rumah domestik di seluruh Sarawak termasuk bekalan elektrik di kawasan luar bandar. So, I would like to clarify here that we have more than sufficient to supply

electricity to the rural areas. It's a matter of implementation. So do not worry. We are now aggressively implementing electricity connection especially in the rural areas and we have sufficient capacity to cater for the demand in the rural areas. It's a matter of implementation.

Tuan Speaker, sasaran kapasiti bekalan elektrik bagi tahun 2030 ialah sebanyak 10,000 Megawatt bersamaan dengan 10 Gigawatt berbanding dengan jangkaan permintaan berjumlah 7,074 Megawatt. Menjelang tahun 2035, Sarawak menyasarkan kapasiti penjanaan sebanyak 15,000 Megawatt melalui pelbagai sumber termasuk tenaga boleh diperbaharui ataupun "*renewable energy*" seperti solar, *cascading power sources* dan *pumped hydro energy storage*. Jadi inilah anggaran yang kita sasarkan menjelang tahun 2030 berdasarkan *plan* yang ada pada hari ini.

Bekalan Elektrik Luar Bandar (BELB)

Seterusnya, saya ingin menyentuh tentang Bekalan Elektrik Luar Bandar. Kerajaan Sarawak telah menyediakan peruntukan sebanyak RM2.38 bilion di bawah *Alternative Funding* untuk meningkatkan liputan bekalan elektrik di luar bandar. Ini melibatkan 209 projek di mana 164 bersamaan dengan 78.5% telah dapat kita siapkan. Manakala peruntukan sebanyak RM134.5 juta di bawah Rancangan Malaysia Kedua Belas (RMKe-12) yang melibatkan lima projek sedang dalam pelaksanaan di pelbagai peringkat.

Additional and Late Applicant Fund (ALAF)

Seterusnya saya ingin menyentuh tentang *Additional and Late Applicant Fund* (ALAF). Kerajaan Sarawak telah menyediakan peruntukan sebanyak RM315 juta untuk melaksanakan projek ALAF dari fasa 1 hingga fasa 4 yang melibatkan 21,073 isi rumah dalam tempoh Rancangan Malaysia Kedua Belas di seluruh Sarawak. Sebanyak 19,382 isi rumah bersamaan dengan 92% telah siap dilaksanakan manakala bakinya sedang berada pada pelbagai peringkat pelaksanaan.

Kerajaan Sarawak juga telah meluluskan peruntukan sebanyak RM550 juta bagi meneruskan pelaksanaan projek ALAF untuk fasa seterusnya di bawah Rancangan Malaysia Ketiga Belas yang dijangka memberi manfaat kepada permohonan, kepada pemohon baharu yang kini dianggarkan 30,600 isi rumah. So, we still have to cater for the application from 30,600 household statewide. Jumlah ini besar, Tuan Speaker, so but anyway we are continuing implementing ALAF aggressively as I have mention just now.

Penambahbaikan Kualiti Sistem Bekalan Elektrik

Seterusnya, saya ingin menyentuh tentang penambahbaikan Kualiti Sistem Bekalan Air.

Timbalan Speaker: Elektrik... Bekalan Elektrik...

Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N. 27 Sebuyau (YB Dato Sri Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi: Ya, seterusnya saya ingin menyentuh tentang penambahan, penambahbaikan Kualiti Sistem Bekalan Elektrik. Sebab nak minum air tadi, itu teringat dengan air.

Bagi memastikan kualiti bekalan elektrik yang *reliable* terutama di kawasan luar bandar, kementerian saya melalui *Sarawak Energy* sedang giat menambah baik prestasi sistem bekalan elektrik secara berperingkat melalui usaha penambahbaikan seperti berikut:

- (a) Pembinaan talian pengagihan menggunakan teknologi talian berpenebat *Medium Voltage Covered Conductor* (MVCC);
- (b) Pembinaan talian atas *Double Circuit Monopole*;
- (c) Menaik taraf alat ubah ataupun transformer, orang lebih *tauk transformer* daripada alat ubah. I think perkataan *transformer is more, more popular and more understood by the public*; dan
- (d) Pembinaan pencawang 33 KV baharu.

Setakat ini, sepanjang 244 km projek talian pengagihan MVCC utama telah siap dilaksanakan di seluruh Sarawak. Manakala, sebanyak 233 alat ubah ataupun *transformer* telah dinaiktaraf dan 11 pencawang 33 KV telah siap dan 41 lagi masih berada dalam pelbagai peringkat pelaksanaan.

Kerajaan Sarawak juga telah meluluskan peruntukan sebanyak RM575 juta bagi menaik taraf infrastruktur elektrik, infrastruktur bekalan elektrik di Bahagian Samarahan, Bahagian Betong, Lawas, Sungai Asap, Lubok Antu dan Lundu yang akan kita laksanakan dalam Rancangan Malaysia Ketiga Belas. Ianya melibatkan kerja-kerja naik taraf seperti berikut:

- (a) MVCC dari Asajaya ke Sebuyau, Simunjan dan Gedong di Bahagian Samarahan;
- (b) MVCC dari Engkilili ke Nanga Kesit di Bahagian Sri Aman;
- (c) MVCC dari Saratok ke Kabong dan Serudit ke Pusa di Bahagian Betong;
- (d) MVCC dari Murum ke Sungai Asap di Bahagian Bintulu;
- (e) *Monopole* dari Serudit ke Saratok di Bahagian Betong;
- (f) *Monopole* dari Kampung Stenggang ke Lundu di Lundu;
- (g) Pencawang Kampung Stenggang 33/11 kV di Bahagian Kuching;
- (h) Pencawang Kabong/Roban 33/11 kV di Bahagian Betong; dan
- (i) Pencawang Sundar 33/11 kV di Lawas.

Tambahan Penjanaan daripada Tenaga Boleh Diperbaharui
(Additional Generation from Renewable Energy)

Tuan Speaker, beberapa tambahan penjanaan daripada tenaga boleh diperbaharui ataupun *renewable energy* yang berpotensi boleh dibangunkan seperti menggunakan kaedah *Large Scale Solar Farm* dan *Pumped Hydro Energy Storage*. Setakat ini, beberapa syarikat swasta telah mengemukakan cadangan penjanaan daripada tenaga boleh diperbaharui ataupun *renewable energy* dan sedang dalam *feasibility study* di beberapa lokasi seperti di Empangan Bengoh, Empangan Batang Ai, Empangan Bakun dan Empangan Murum.

Manakala untuk *Cascading Power Sources*, dulu dikenali sebagai *Cascading Dam* tapi sekarang kita kenali sebagai *Cascading Power Sources*. Kementerian saya dan Sarawak Energy telah melaksanakan 24 sesi libat urus yang melibatkan komuniti di Sungai Gaat dan di Sungai Tutoh dengan *Upacara Muja Menua* yang telah diadakan di Sungai Gaat pada 4 April yang lalu. Sebenarnya, Tuan Speaker, kementerian saya bersama-sama dengan Sarawak Energy telah mengenal pasti 12 buah lokasi di lembangan Sarawak untuk dibangunkan *Cascading Power Source* dan kita untuk tujuan ini telah menggunakan kerja-kerja *consultation* terutama sekali di Sungai Gaat dan Sungai Tutoh dan inilah yang saya maksudkan tadi bahawa kita membuat libat urus secara langsung yang melibatkan pihak pejabat residen dan daerah, melibatkan wakil-wakil rakyat tempatan, yang melibatkan pemimpin-pemimpin tempatan dan komuniti tempatan; maknanya kita mengambil pendekatan yang telus. We are very transparent about our consultation with the local communities so that we do not face problem in the near future so these are the consultation, *libat urus yang telah kita jalankan sehingga kini*, so hopefully we will start with Sungai Gaat followed by Sungai Tutoh as soon as possible.

Eksport Tenaga Elektrik

Seterusnya saya ingin sentuh tentang eksport tenaga elektrik. Eksport tenaga elektrik merentasi sempadan bagi merealisasikan matlamat Borneo Power Grid (BPG) dan ASEAN Power Grid (APG) akan dipergiatkan untuk meletakkan Sarawak sebagai Battery of ASEAN. Sarawak telah mengeksport lebih kurang 100 MW tenaga elektrik ke Kalimantan Barat Indonesia sejak tahun 2016 dan akan mengeksport tenaga elektrik ke Sabah sebanyak 30 – 50 MW pada suku keempat tahun 2025 tertakluk kepada siapnya *interconnection* di sebelah utara. Di samping itu, Tuan Speaker, kita juga merancang untuk mengeksport tenaga ke Semenanjung Malaysia (tidak kurang daripada 1,000 MW) dan satu lagi ialah kita telah pun bersetuju untuk mengeksport tenaga elektrik kepada

Singapura dengan *capping* tidak melebihi 1,000 MW dan kita juga sedang mempertimbangkan eksport tenaga kepada jiran kita, Brunei Darussalam.

PENGEDARAN GAS

Seterusnya Tuan Speaker, saya ingin menyentuh tentang pengedaran gas. Isu yang paling panas sehingga kini.

Kawal Selia Distribution of Gas Ordinance, 2016 (DGO 2016) di Sarawak

Seperti ahli Dewan yang mulia sedia maklum, Petroleum Sarawak Berhad (PETROS) telah dilantik sebagai *Gas Aggregator* oleh Kerajaan Sarawak melalui Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi dengan tugas untuk melaksanakan aktiviti yang berkaitan dengan perolehan, pembekalan, pengedaran dan penjualan gas asli di Sarawak. Gas Aggregator juga bertanggungjawab membuat perancangan, pembangunan, operasi dan penyelenggaraan sistem rangkaian pengedaran gas asli di Sarawak.

Yang Amat Berhormat Perdana Menteri juga telah mengumumkan seperti yang telah sama-sama kita baca di sidang Parlimen pada 17 Februari 2025 bahawa Kerajaan Persekutuan mengiktiraf pelantikan PETROS sebagai *aggregator* oleh Kerajaan Sarawak di Sarawak. Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister and Yang Amat Berhormat Premier have in their Joint Declaration dated 21st May 2025, categorically stated that federal and state laws on Distribution of Gas must be respected by all persons or parties, including PETROS and PETRONAS, undertaking the business of distribution and supply or sale of gas in Sarawak.

In Sarawak, the regulation of gas distribution and related activities falls under the distribution of Gas Ordinance, 2016, which serves as the functional equivalent of the Gas Supply Act, 1993, a federal law that does not apply to Sarawak. Unlike in other parts of Malaysia where the Energy Commission, established under the Energy Commission Act 2001, is the regulatory authority, in Sarawak, such responsibilities are vested in the Director of Gas Distribution appointed under the said Ordinance. The said ordinance refers to DGO 2016.

The Director of Gas Distribution is responsible for ensuring full compliance with licensing requirements and may impose financial penalties for any non-compliance, without prejudice to any prosecution that may be undertaken by the relevant authorities.

My ministry is committed to ensuring that all laws and regulations governing the gas industry in Sarawak are upheld, while maintaining an investor-friendly environment to attract investment. We will ensure that our gas resources are managed sustainably to support industrial growth and remain available at affordable prices for the benefit of all Sarawakians.

At the same time, Tuan Speaker, my Ministry will facilitate collaboration between PETROS and PETRONAS. In pursuing such collaboration, should PETRONAS, as the national oil company, seek exemption from licensing requirements for activities or projects which do not conflict with the role of PETROS as Gas Aggregator i.e. the supply, sale, retail, or distribution of gas, such applications will be considered in accordance with the law. The law means our DGO 2016.

The Joint Declaration acknowledges that PETROS is the Gas Aggregator appointed by the Sarawak Government in the exercise of its executive authority. Both YAB Prime Minister and YAB Premier have expressly stated that PETROS' appointment as Gas Aggregator must be respected by all persons or parties undertaking business of Gas Distribution in Sarawak.

Accordingly, all agreements and arrangements pertaining to the supply and sale of natural gas in Sarawak must align with PETROS' role as Gas Aggregator as stated in the Joint Declaration. All industry players and entities including PETRONAS must conduct their business of gas distribution in full compliance with this Joint Declaration.

Justeru itu, Tuan Speaker, semua pihak yang menjalankan aktiviti yang berkaitan dengan pengagihan dan pembekalan gas perlu memohon lesen di bawah Seksyen 7, *Distribution of Gas Ordinance, 2016 (DGO 2016)*. Kegagalan mematuhi keperluan pelesenan ini adalah satu kesalahan di bawah Seksyen 20 (*criminal case*) atau Seksyen 21A (*civil claim*) Ordinan tersebut yang boleh dikenakan denda atau hukuman penjara atau kedua-duanya sekali.

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini juga, sejak pindaan ke atas DGO 2016 pada tahun 2023, Kementerian saya telah melaksanakan beberapa langkah kawal selia seperti berikut:

- (a) Mengeluarkan sejumlah 14 lesen aktiviti 7(g) kepada pemain industri hulu (*upstream*);
- (b) Mengeluarkan 537 lesen kepada pemain industri hiliran (*downstream*); dan
- (c) Mengeluarkan 10 notis ketidakpatuhan kepada lima syarikat yang melakukan aktiviti tanpa lesen di bawah Seksyen 7, DGO 2016.

Sehubungan dengan itu, saya yakin dengan Deklarasi Bersama ini akan memberi manfaat kepada Sarawak dan kepentingan negara dalam usaha untuk memperkukuh keyakinan para pelabur khususnya syarikat-syarikat antarabangsa di sektor pengedaran gas.

Sarawak Gas Roadmap (Sgr)

Sekarang Tuan Speaker, saya ingin menyentuh tentang Sarawak Gas Roadmap. Kementerian saya, melalui PETROS, giat menjalankan usaha berterusan bagi meningkatkan penggunaan gas asli di Sarawak selaras dengan Sarawak Gas Roadmap. Pelan Sarawak Gas Roadmap ini merangkumi empat hab strategik iaitu di Miri, Samalaju, Bintulu dan Kuching melalui beberapa inisiatif awal seperti berikut:

- (a) Projek 500 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) di Miri yang telah dilancarkan pada tahun lepas dan kini sedang giat dilaksanakan;
- (b) Projek Bintulu - Samalaju Gas Pipeline sepanjang 65 km yang kini sedang dibina;
- (c) Projek Perintis PETROS iaitu Sarawak Virtual Pipeline System (VPS) yang akan membekalkan Gas Asli Cecair (LNG) dari Bintulu ke Kuching;
- (d) Projek Kuching Low-Carbon Hub kini dalam peringkat penyediaan pelan induk;
- (e) Program Gas Direct to the Kitchen di Taman Ceria di Permyjaya, Miri; dan
- (f) Projek Rangkaian Saluran Paip Gas Asli di Bintulu yang akan dibina secara berfasa.

Kewujudan loji metanol yang pertama milik Sarawak iaitu Sarawak Petchem Sdn. Bhd. telah berjaya meningkatkan kegunaan domestik gas asli daripada 6% kepada 7% setakat suku keempat tahun 2024.

Dengan peningkatan penggunaan domestik gas asli ini, hanya 100% Tuan Speaker, loji ini mampu menyediakan peluang pekerjaan kepada 1,000 orang anak Sarawak sejak ditubuhkan. Ini baru 1%, baru 1% yang melibatkan pembinaan Sarawak Petchem, yang menghasilkan methanol, kita sudah dapat dan mampu menyediakan peluang pekerjaan, 1,000 peluang pekerjaan jadi impaknya begitu besar sekali dan ini juga membuktikan Sarawak mempunyai kepakaran dalam projek *financing*, pengurusan projek berskala besar dan operasi teknologi tinggi industri petrokimia, minyak dan gas.

Jadi ini bertentangan dengan *perception* pihak-pihak tertentu yang mengatakan bahawa Sarawak tidak mempunyai kapasiti. Kalau diberi peluang untuk menjadi *obligator*, peluang untuk membuka industri hiliran, Sarawak tidak mempunyai kapasiti, tidak mempunyai tenaga teknikal yang boleh melaksanakan projek ini. Ini persepsi daripada sesetengah pihak tetapi penubuhan Petchem Sdn. Bhd. telah menyangkal dan membuktikan bahawa Sarawak boleh menggunakan gas asli dengan jayanya. So, we are capable, and we are capable of doing it.

Inisiatif ini merupakan sebahagian daripada pelan *Sarawak Gas Roadmap (SGR)* yang bertujuan untuk meningkatkan penggunaan gas domestik sedia ada kepada sekurang-kurangnya

30% menjelang tahun 2030. So our target, Tuan Speaker, is to increase our natural gas consumption by at least 50% by the year 2030.

Jaminan Bekalan LPG yang Mencukupi di Sarawak

Sekarang saya ingin menyentuh tentang jaminan bekalan LPG yang mencukupi di Sarawak. Susulan daripada kejadian tanah runtuh di loji pengisian silinder *Liquefied Petroleum Gas* (LPG) di Bintulu pada 29 Januari 2025, Kerajaan Sarawak melalui anak syarikat PETROSNiaga telah mengambil tindakan segera bagi meningkatkan jumlah LPG di IOT Senari dan loji pengisian sementara silinder LPG Bintulu kepada 30,000 silinder sehari. Kini bekalan silinder LPG di Sarawak telah pulih seperti sediakala. Jadi semasa tanah runtuh berlaku di Bintulu pada tarikh yang saya sebutkan tadi, kita tidak boleh membekalkan LPG yang mencukupi di bahagian utara. Jadi oleh itulah, tindakan segera telah kita ambil, memang kita dengar ada suara-suara sumbang yang membuat kritikan tetapi apabila *everything is back to normal, I don't hear any thank you to PETROS or PETROSNiaga, they only know how to criticize.*

So, dealing with this buckling is very, very, very delicate Tuan Speaker. It is not that simple and not that easy as we perceive. *So, we hope in case such incident in the future, we will try to make sure it doesn't happen but, in this case,* ianya banyak bergantung kepada keadaan yang berlaku ketika itu *because this is a natural disaster beyond our control.* Bayangkan kalau kita lihat gambar tadi, di atas ada tangki *reserver* yang besar dan di bawah itulah tempat *bottling plant* di mana pengisian gas dilakukan dan ianya amat berbahaya untuk diteruskan. Jadi oleh itulah, maka berlaku kekurangan ataupun *shortage* pada ketika masa tersebut. Namun Alhamdulillah, semuanya *is back to normal right now.*

Inisiatif Pensijilan ISO 29001 (Quality Management for Petroleum, Petrochemical and Natural Gas Industries)

Untuk memastikan keselamatan dan kualiti operasi sektor gas diurus mengikut *standard* antarabangsa, kementerian saya telah mewajibkan pemain industri gas utama di Sarawak perlu memperoleh pensijilan ISO 29001 untuk permohonan baharu dan untuk pembaharuan lesen bermula pada tahun 2026. So, this is the condition that we are setting, they must have ISO 29001 for any new application and any renewal of licence. So, we have to be strict on this because this is international standards to ensure safety in the near future.

TELEKOMUNIKASI

Liputan Telekomunikasi di Sarawak

Seterusnya Tuan Speaker, saya ingin menyentuh tentang kemudahan telekomunikasi. Setakat ini, Sarawak mempunyai 4,662 struktur menara (termasuk struktur telekomunikasi di atas bangunan) telah siap dibina berbanding 4,581 menara seperti yang dilaporkan pada sesi persidangan DUN November 2024 yang lepas. Daripada jumlah yang telah siap dibina tersebut, sebanyak 4,446 bersamaan dengan 95% menara telah *on-air* (ke udara) manakala bakinya sebanyak 216 bersamaan dengan 5% menara akan beroperasi secara berperingkat sehingga hujung tahun 2025 ini. Setakat ini, liputan perkhidmatan internet telah meningkat kepada 90.2% berbanding dengan 84.8% seperti yang dilaporkan pada persidangan DUN yang lepas.

Sarawak Linking Urban, Rural and Nation (SALURAN)

Sekarang saya menyentuh tentang *Sarawak Linking Urban, Rural and Nation*, ringkas nya SALURAN. Sehingga kini, Kerajaan Sarawak telah memperuntukkan sebanyak RM2.3 bilion sebagai langkah intervensi bagi mempercepatkan peluasan liputan internet di luar bandar di bawah inisiatif *Sarawak Linking Urban, Rural and Nation*, ringkas nya SALURAN. Namun komponen utama SALURAN adalah pembinaan menara SMART (*Sarawak Multimedia Authority Rural Telecommunication*) yang masih dilaksanakan pada masa kini.

Sebanyak 585 bersamaan dengan 94.6% daripada 618 menara telekomunikasi SMART telah siap dibina sehingga kini. Saya juga ingin nak maklumkan di sini daripada 618 menara yang dibina, 18 menara adalah *repeaters*. Jadi jangan hairan kalau Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat menyaksikan ada 18 menara yang tidak ada kualiti. *These are repeaters* untuk *transmit the*, apa nama, *from tower to tower*. Jadi dia memang tak ada kualiti. So, these are repeaters but the rest 600 will be installed with multi operated for network. Daripada jumlah menara yang siap, 480 bersamaan dengan 82% menara SMART telah beroperasi manakala bakinya akan beroperasi sepenuhnya secara berperingkat sehingga suku keempat tahun 2025.

Perkembangan Inisiatif Jalinan Digital Negara (JENDELA)

Menyentuh mengenai JENDELA (Jalinan Digital Negara) di bawah Kerajaan Persekutuan, yang dilaksanakan oleh MCMC, sebanyak 906 bersamaan dengan 99.6% daripada 909 menara telekomunikasi telah siap dibina di bawah inisiatif JENDELA Fasa 1. Daripada jumlah tersebut, sebanyak 795 bersamaan 87.4% menara telah beroperasi dengan perkhidmatan 4G dan bakinya akan beroperasi sepenuhnya secara berperingkat sehingga suku keempat tahun 2025.

Pelaksanaan 5G (2023-2025)

Seterusnya saya ingin menyentuh tentang pelaksanaan 5G. Setakat ini, sebanyak 574 daripada keseluruhan 576 tapak 5G telah beroperasi dan bakinya dijangka akan beroperasi pada suku kedua tahun 2025.

Pelan Internet MySRBN

Sejak pelancaran Pelan Prabayar MySRBN, sebanyak 31 ribu isi rumah telah menikmati perkhidmatan MySRBN berbanding 24 ribu isi rumah tahun lepas. Kementerian saya melalui SDEC (*Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation*) akan terus melaksanakan program komuniti di seluruh Sarawak bagi menggalakkan langganan perkhidmatan ini. *I would like share with you that MySRBN is well received by our rural population so* ianya akan terus kita pertingkatkan supaya memberi kemudahan kepada rakyat di kawasan luar bandar *because our ultimate aim is to bring the rural areas into the mainstream of our development*. So, they will be included because we want to be inclusive.

Industri Angkasa dan Teknologi Satelit

Seterusnya, saya ingin menyentuh tentang Industri Angkasa dan Teknologi Satelit. Industri Angkasa dan Teknologi Satelit mempunyai potensi besar dalam pembangunan ekonomi digital Sarawak. Justeru itu, Kerajaan Sarawak telah meluluskan penubuhan *Sarawak Aerospace Advisory Council* (SAAC) yang berperanan untuk menentukan hala tuju sektor Industri Angkasa dan Teknologi Satelit Sarawak. SAAC ini turut dianggotai oleh wakil-wakil daripada industri dan juga dari kalangan para ahli akademik.

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Untuk makluman ahli Dewan yang mulia ini, *International Digital Economy Conference Sarawak* (IDECS) akan kembali berlangsung pada 22 hingga 23 Oktober depan *bertemakan "AI dan Green Evolution – Growth, Challenges, and Community Resilience"* di BCCK, Kuching. So, please make sure you put it the date in your diary to attend IDECS on 22nd to 23rd of October this year.

CABARAN

Vandalisme

Seterusnya, Tuan Speaker, saya ingin menyentuh tentang cabaran yang dialami oleh Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi; dan semua agensi-agensi di bawah seliaan kami dalam usaha kami untuk menyediakan kemudahan bekalan air, kemudahan bekalan elektrik, pengedaran gas dan kemudahan telekomunikasi di Sarawak. Jadi oleh itulah, maka sesuai sekali saya berbicara sekarang mengenai cabaran yang kita hadapi. Salah satu daripada cabaran besar yang kita hadapi ialah *vandalism* ataupun vandalisme yang melibatkan kerosakan aset-aset utiliti yang disediakan oleh kerajaan di seluruh Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, kes vandalisme yang melibatkan kemudahan infrastruktur, utiliti dan telekomunikasi telah mencatatkan 2,458 kes pada tahun 2024 berbanding 1,407 kes pada tahun 2025 iaitu peningkatan kes sebanyak 75%. You just imagine, if you look at the figure, the figure is on the increase, from 1,407 to 2,458 cases for the last two years.

Walau bagaimanapun, jumlah kerugian melibatkan penurunan sebanyak 63% daripada RM19.7 juta pada tahun 2023 kepada RM7.3 juta pada tahun 2024. Jadi kita melihat di sini bahawa kesnya meningkat tetapi nilai kerugian itu berkurangan. Tetapi yang penting di sini ialah walaupun berkurangan dari segi nilai asetnya tetapi kesan impak daripada kerosakan yang berlaku disebabkan oleh vandalisme ini adalah besar kerana ianya mengganggu bekalan air, elektrik, telefon dan sebagainya yang diperlukan oleh rakyat di luar sana. So, *what is important here is the impact*, kesan daripada aktiviti vandalisme ini. Jadi, saya berharap kita mendapat kerjasama daripada semua pihak termasuk wakil-wakil rakyat supaya kes ini dapat kita kurangkan kepada seminima yang mungkin.

Sehubungan dengan itu, Tuan Speaker, kementerian saya telah melaksanakan enam siri kempen Pencegahan Vandalisme dan beberapa siri Operasi Bersepadu '*Ops Mega Lusuh*' oleh Polis Diraja Malaysia (PDRM) yang melibatkan 31 tangkapan. Sebenarnya kempen Pencegahan Vandalisme ini telah pun kita lancarkan di BCKK pada tahun lepas dan ianya telah pun dirasmikan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak dan dari pelbagai ianya telah mendapat sambutan lebih daripada 3,200 peserta daripada pelbagai lapisan dan peringkat umur. In fact, it was very successful statewide campaign launched by the Right Honourable Premier last year. So, kita akan meneruskan kempen ini di peringkat bahagian. In fact, kita sudah melaksanakan kempen di peringkat bahagian di Bintulu dan seterusnya kita akan bergerak ke Bahagian Serian, Bahagian Betong dan seterusnya. Sebab yang penting ialah supaya kita memberi kesedaran dan mendapat kerjasama yang efektif daripada semua pihak supaya aktiviti vandalisme yang melibatkan kerosakan aset-aset utiliti ini dapat kita bendung supaya tidak mengganggu kemudahan yang dinikmati oleh rakyat di luar sana.

ISU-ISU SPESIFIK

Tuan Speaker, sekarang saya merujuk kepada isu-isu spesifik yang dikemukakan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dalam perbahasan masing-masing.

Isu-Isu Spesifik (Bekalan Air)

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, Lingga, Beting Maro, Engkilili, Kalaka, Kabong, Repok, Tellian, Balingian, Tamin, Murum dan Batu Danau, kementerian saya melalui agensi bekalan air akan terus melaksanakan projek yang telah diluluskan. Manakala, untuk projek baharu seperti yang dibangkitkan akan dikemukakan untuk kelulusan di bawah Rancangan Malaysia Ke-13. So, we are taking action right now.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kalaka, Kabong, Meluan, Machan, Tellian, Balingian dan Tamin, bagi projek-projek bekalan air biayaan Kerajaan Persekutuan di bawah Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah (KKDW) seperti yang dibangkitkan, urusan pelantikan

perunding, makmal pengurusan nilai, pelawaan tender, penilaian tender dan penganugerahan kontrak adalah diuruskan oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan melalui KKDW sendiri. Jadi, *it is beyond our power*. So not much we could do. Walaupun kita telah sama-sama mendengar pihak audit mengatakan ada di antara projek-projek yang tidak dapat dilaksanakan di Sarawak. That is beyond our control. *In fact, at one time, Auditor General* mengatakan ada 12 projek yang tidak dapat dilaksanakan di Sarawak pada tahun lepas. Ini penemuan audit. In fact, it is more than 12. Kalau kita kira daripada penemuan audit sampai sekarang, ada 30 lebih projek yang diluluskan oleh Kerajaan Persekutuan melalui kementerian yang berkaitan, belum boleh kita laksanakan kerana prosedur-prosedur Kerajaan Pusat kecuali kalau ianya diturunkan kuasa kepada Kerajaan Sarawak untuk melaksanakannya melalui agensi air kita terutama sekali JBALB, *we should be able to implement it anytime as what we are doing with our own state funded project in Sarawak*. Sokong? Okay, terima kasih.

Isu-Isu Spesifik (Bekalan Elektrik)

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Opar, Kalaka, Balingian, Meradong, Tebedu, Tamin, Tellian, Krian, Lingga dan Batu Danau, seperti yang telah saya maklumkan awal tadi, pelaksanaan projek ALAF adalah berterusan dan bagi pemohonan yang baharu akan dilaksanakan dalam fasa seterusnya. But bear in mind, you have to follow the queue. Because kita ada queue system. Yang dahulu, kita dahulukan. Yang kemudian, kita kemudiansakan. So, I hope that will be appreciated by all my colleagues in this august House. But we are implementing it right now.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tamin, pemohon yang berhasrat untuk meningkatkan kapasiti di premis mereka daripada *single-phase* kepada *three-phase*, boleh membuat permohonan dengan Sarawak Energy dan kos penyambungan adalah di bawah tanggungan pemohon itu sendiri. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tebedu, Baleh, Telang Usan, Tanjong Datu, Kabong, Bukit Begunan dan Meluan, kementerian saya mengambil maklum dan akan mengambil tindakan yang sewajarnya. For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Pujut, your suggestion is noted and will be considered if appropriate. Menyentuh tentang komen yang dikemukakan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pending mengenai Sarawak Energy adalah tidak tepat. So, I would like to advise and remind Member for Pending be more tactful in your comments in the near future. *Because* komen itu nampaknya mempunyai motif *political mileage because I believe that comment will give and one of the strategies by DAP to keep afloat otherwise*, mereka tenggelam tanpa dilihat oleh orang Sarawak.

Kepada rakan-rakan daripada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, Bawang Assan dan Krian, terima kasih di atas ucapan penghargaan kepada saya dan Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi dan semua agensi yang melaksanakan bekalan air di seluruh Sarawak. Your appreciation is much appreciated. Inilah cara Kerajaan GPS bertugas untuk memenuhi keperluan air di kawasan luar bandar. *So, this is the continuous effort by GPS government* yang dipimpin oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak. Sesungguhnya Kerajaan GPS adalah kerajaan yang peka kepada semua keperluan rakyat di luar bandar dan oleh itu, saya amat menghargai ucapan penghargaan daripada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, Krian dan Bawang Assan yang telah pun menyatakan penghargaan dalam ucapan masing-masing. Thank you very much your appreciation is much welcome by all our team. It is actually a teamwork among all of us at the ministry and all our agencies. Thank you very much.

Isu-Isu Spesifik (Mengenai Gas)

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Bukit Assek, for long-term strategy, PETROS has planned to build LPG filling plant and a bulk of LPG storage facility to enhance services in the central and northern regions of Sarawak. We are looking at it. So, we are looking on how base goods we cater for the demand in the central of Sarawak as well as in the northern region of Sarawak. In the northern region, we are looking at Miri and of course Lawas. For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Tamin, on May 21st, 2025, the Sarawak and Federal Governments signed a Joint

Declaration formalizing an understanding on cooperation between PETROS and PETRONAS as I have alluded earlier on.

Isu-Isu Spesifik (Mengenai Kemudahan Telekomunikasi)

Bagi isu kualiti perkhidmatan telekomunikasi yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pelagus, Balingian, Tanjong Datu dan Kabong, pihak MCMC akan menjalankan Ujian *Quality of Service* (QoS) di kawasan-kawasan tersebut dan akan mengadakan sesi libat urus dengan Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang berkaitan. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang terhormat bagi Machan, Tanjong Datu dan Tebedu, pembinaan menara sedang dalam pelaksanaan. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Murum, projek Perkampungan Digital (*Digital Village*) di Skim Penempatan BRS Sungai Asap telah mendapat kelulusan Kerajaan Sarawak untuk dilaksanakan.

Sekarang sampai kepada penutup, sebelum saya menghadiri ucapan ini, Tuan Speaker, saya terlebih dahulu mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi tahniah dan penghargaan kepada Tuan Speaker, Timbalan Speaker dan semua pegawai-pegawai di Dewan Undangan Negeri dan semua pegawai yang berkaitan yang telah membantu untuk menjayakan persidangan Dewan yang mulia pada kali ini dengan cemerlang. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Setiausaha Kerajaan Sarawak, Setiausaha Persekutuan, Peguam Besar, Setiausaha Kewangan Sarawak dan semua Setiausaha Tetap-Setiausaha Tetap; dan Ketua-ketua Jabatan dan semua pegawai yang berkaitan kerana telah membantu kelancaran perjalanan persidangan Dewan yang mulia kali ini. Tidak lupa juga saya mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih dan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada kedua-dua Timbalan Menteri di Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi, terima kasih kepada Setiausaha Tetap Kementerian saya, Timbalan Setiausaha Tetap dan semua pegawai di kementerian dan semua ketua-ketua jabatan di bawah seliaan Kementerian Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi atas usaha dan semangat *team work* yang telah mereka buktikan sepanjang persidangan dijalankan daripada 19 hingga ke hari ini. Terima kasih kepada semua. Dan sebelum saya mengakhiri ucapan, saya akan berkongsi sedikit pantun dengan rakan-rakan sekalian.

*Burung merpati burung kenyalang,
Hinggap seekor di atas ladang;
Hak Sarawak terus diperjuang,
Demi rakyat Sarawakku sayang.*

*Ikan terubuk ikan tenggiri,
Resipi asli si anak dara;
Jangan jealous iri hati;
Maju Sarawak untuk Malaysia.*

*Hasrat hati nak jadi juara,
Apa kan daya Liverpool bertakhta;
Manchester City tempat ketiga, MU entah di mana;
Utiliti tersedia rakyat gembira, Jasa GPS kepada semua.*

*Kayu meranti kayu jati,
Buat ukiran buat meja;
Marilah kita bersatu hati;
Untuk Malaysia negara tercinta.*

Tuan Speaker, saya juga ingin mengambil peluang ini untuk mengucapkan Selamat Hari Gawai, *Gayu Guru* kepada rakan-rakan yang berketurunan Dayak yang akan meraikan sambutan Hari Gawai pada 1 Jun depan dan kepada rakan-rakan yang beragama Islam, selamat menyambut Hari Raya Korban dan semoga kita semua dirahmati oleh Allah S.W.T.

Dengan itu, Tuan Speaker, saya menyokong Usul Penghargaan kepada Ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi, Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Haji Julaihi bin Haji Narawi. Seterusnya, dengan hormatnya saya menjemput Yang Berhormat Dato Sri John Sikie anak Tayai, Menteri di Jabatan Premier Sarawak untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan. Silakan Yang Berhormat.

Menteri di Jabatan Premier; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N. 60 Kakus (YB Dato Sri John Sikie anak Tayai): Selamat pagi, Salam Sejahtera, Salam *segulai sejalai* dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur.

Tuan Speaker, terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk menzahirkan ucapan takziah yang mendalam kepada keluarga Allahyarham Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, mantan Perdana Menteri Malaysia kelima atas pemergian beliau pada 14 April 2025 yang lalu. Sepanjang pentadbirannya dari tahun 2003 sehingga tahun 2009, Allahyarham dikenang sebagai pemimpin yang berjiwa rakyat yang menjunjung nilai keadilan, ketelusan serta memperjuangkan dasar-dasar pembangunan inklusif dan progresif. Sumbangan Allahyarham dalam pelbagai aspek pembangunan negeri Sarawak khususnya dalam Pembangunan Koridor Tenaga Diperbaharui Sarawak (*Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy*) akan sentiasa dikenang.

Saya juga ingin mengucapkan takziah kepada keluarga mendiang Datuk Amar Dominic Andrew Dago anak Randan, mantan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri bagi kawasan Ulu Sadong yang telah meninggal dunia pada 15 Mei 2025.

Tuan Speaker, before I proceed, I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Tuan Speaker for giving me the opportunity to deliver my winding up speech this morning on matters directly under my portfolio, namely the Native Courts of Sarawak (Mahkamah Bumiputera Sarawak) and the Council for Adat and Traditions Sarawak (Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak) and matters referred to me under the other Units in the Premier's Department.

These units include Unit Pentadbiran; Unit Pengurusan Imigresen dan Buruh (ILMU); the Sarawak Implementation Monitoring Unit (SIMU); Human Resource Development and Management Unit (HRDM); Unit Integriti dan Ombudsman Sarawak (UNIONS); and Unit Komunikasi Awam Sarawak (UKAS).

The Native Courts of Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, firstly, I will begin with matters relating to the Native Courts of Sarawak. As a Unit under the Department of the Premier of Sarawak, the Office of Chief Registrar, Native Courts of Sarawak's have for long been and are still an integral part of the Sarawak Administration.

The Native Courts of Sarawak have played a central role for generations in maintaining law and order among the indigenous communities. These courts provide a culturally grounded forum for the resolution of disputes, particularly those related to *adat* (customary laws), family matters, land issues and community harmony.

Masterplan on Transformation of the Native Courts

Tuan Speaker, Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri has considered and approved a Masterplan on the Transformation of our Native Courts in July 2023. The ultimate objective of the transformation agenda is to restructure the current Native courts and eventually elevate its status to become an independent and full-fledged judicial institution like the Civil and Syariah Courts.

The transformation of the Native Courts would be implemented in three phases over several years. For the initial phase, the basic requirement for the restructuring is the proposed enactment of new state laws and amendment to the existing laws.

The proposed new state laws which are required for the restructuring exercise are:

- (a) New Native Courts Bill to replace the current Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and New Native Courts Rules to replace the current Native Courts Rules, 1993; and
- (b) New Native Courts Judges Appointment Council and Native Courts Judges Remuneration Bill on the appointment and scheme of service for Native Court Judges.

At this juncture, the transformation is not able to proceed as the draft Bills of these two state laws are still under the review of the State Attorney General Chambers. The transformation and restructuring of the Native Courts of Sarawak is necessary to ensure justice is served equitably across all segments of society.

Elevating the Native Courts to be on par that of Civil and Syariah Courts will uphold the dignity of native laws and ensure that the native communities have access to a competent, professional and respected judicial system.

In the meantime, until the new Native Courts Bill is passed by this Dewan, the Native Courts of Sarawak will continue to operate as it is presently, based on the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and Native Courts Rules, 1993.

Performance by the Native Courts in Settling Cases

Tuan Speaker, allow me now to also touch on the performance and operations of the Native Courts of Sarawak. The Native Courts of Sarawak continue to demonstrate commendable performance in the discharge of judicial duties. Our presiding officers have shown dedication, diligence and integrity in handling cases, many of which involve complex customary laws and sensitive issues.

The Courts have successfully disposed of a significant number of cases within acceptable time frames. The magistrates have consistently met Key Performances Indicators and maintained high standards in the court rulings and proceedings.

However, the Native Courts are still faced with a number of outstanding cases. As of 30th April 2025, the outstanding cases for all levels of courts throughout Sarawak are as follows.

- (a) Headmen's Court: 13 cases;
- (b) Chief's Court: 3,261 cases;
- (c) Chief's Superior Court: 120 cases;
- (d) District's Native Court: 1,230 cases;
- (e) Resident's Native Court: 291 cases; and
- (f) Native Court of Appeal: 81 cases.

This totals to 4,996 cases which are still outstanding. The Native Courts of Sarawak is making every effort to settle the remaining outstanding cases.

Tuan Speaker, currently the Native Courts of Sarawak have five Magistrates at the District Native Court: one Magistrate at the Resident Native Court and one President at the Native Court of Appeal. At the end of last year that is 2024, eight magistrates were no longer serving the Native Courts of Sarawak as their contracts were not renewed either due to age or health matters. Their departure has significantly strained the courts' ability to manage its caseload effectively and maintain efficient service delivery. At the moment, the Chief Registrar Office is working closely with the State Human Resource Development and Management Unit to identify suitable candidates to fill these Magistrate posts. The main challenge in this recruitment drive is the short contract period of one year currently offered to the Magistrates. This short contract period is often cited as a disincentive by potential candidates, especially those who have legal qualification. So, in light of this, it is proposed

that the new Magistrates' contract duration be revised and extended to a longer period with the possibility of renewal based on performance.

Capacity Building Programme to Enhance Skills and Competency for Handling Court Cases

Tuan Speaker, in response to various challenges faced by the Native Courts of Sarawak in delivering justice efficiently, it has carried out several initiatives to enhance court performances and reduce outstanding cases. The office of the Chief Registrar has been organizing a series of capacity building programmes involving training, workshops, seminars, and briefings to Native Courts Presiding Officers and Officials since 2014. The capacity building programme involves divisional residents and district officers as ex-officio magistrates, court clerks, court peons, community chiefs and headmen.

In the year 2024, seven capacity building programmes had been organised at the southern, central and northern regions, involving 334 participants comprising Court Clerks, Court Peons, Community Chiefs and Headmen. The objective is to equip participants with the awareness, knowledge, and competency to perform their judicial tasks based on the provisions of the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rule, 1993.

As of May 2025, two capacity building programmes were carried out in the central and northern regions involving 129 newly appointed Community Chiefs and Headmen. Another five capacity building programs are being planned for the rest of this year.

MAJLIS ADAT ISTIADAT SARAWAK

Tuan Speaker, now, I would like to speak on matters and activities relating to the Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak.

Roles and Functions of Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak

The prime role and function of the Majlis is to advise Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri and Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri on all matters relating to the *adat* of the natives of Sarawak.

The Majlis may advise anybody or any person who needs any advice on any matter relating to the *adat* of the natives. This authority is only advisory and not the power to issue decree on any *adat*. In performing its roles and functions, the Majlis depends very much on every native community to assist and provide knowledge of its *adat*.

In this regard, the research and writing of *adat* is an on-going process and to equip the Majlis as a repository of knowledge of the *adat*. At the same time, the undertaking is meant for the preservation, promotion and development of *adat*.

What is Adat

Tuan Speaker, according to some native languages, the term *adat* can mean many things and nuances. For the purpose of roles and functions of the Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak, *adat* may be categorised into two broad categories, namely, the *adat* which are laws or legal rules and those which are social rules. The *adat* which are laws or legal rules are quite similar to the State laws in nature. These *adat* are enforceable in the Native Courts of Sarawak and in some cases in the Federal Courts of Malaysia. Any breach of such *adat* may be liable to penalty or punishment. They are mainly used for the regulation of social, economic, and political relations and general affairs peculiar to the native communities in Sarawak.

The *adat*, which are social rules, are generally not enforceable in any courts of law. Any breach of such *adat* is frowned upon by most members of the native communities and may be regarded as recalcitrant.

These *adat* are very important for the regulation of social conduct and behaviour. They act as guiding principles for the upbringing of children to be good citizens. But sometimes these *adat* are relevant for adult persons.

These *adat* include, among other things, values, ethics, manners, protocol, filial piety, cultures, traditions, and procedures, to name but a few.

In addition, spiritual sanctions, prohibition, restrictions, morality, and rituals, which are mostly *pantang larang*, are also referred to as *adat*. They may fall under both categories of *adat*. Hence, some of the *adat* are intertwining with spirituality.

Tuan Speaker, *adat* are still relevant for the governance of traditional longhouses and *kampungs*. There are still many aspects of social, economic, and political relations and affairs regulated by *Adat* and not by the state laws.

For examples, matters relating to, among other things, family, communal settlement, property and natural resources, benefits and privileges, social and moral obligations, social contracts, funeral and bereavement, spiritual rituals, and dispute resolution system are still regulated by *adat*.

The *adat* are tools to assist every *Tua Kampung* or *Tuai Rumah* and the *Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung* (JKKK) in the administration, development, and the security of their community. The aim is to create and sustain an ideal community. An ideal community is where peace, harmony, unity, and well-being of the members of the community prevail. Where such social condition exists, it could provide an opportunity to create prosperity and wealth.

Adat are also very important for the preservation, protection, and development of cultural identity, heritage, and tradition. Cultural identity is important because it influences how we interpret and react to certain situations.

We normally become aware of our own identity in relation to the world around us. Heritage refers to the legacy of physical and non-physical objects, artifacts, craft and arts, and practices passed down from previous generations.

It encompasses tangible elements like spiritual and historical sites, as well as intangible elements like languages, oral traditions, and beliefs. Traditions are specific practices, rituals, and customs that are part of a cultural heritage. They are often passed down through generations, reinforcing cultural values and beliefs.

Understanding cultural identity may help individuals and communities to connect with their past and look forward towards the future. Traditions play a vital role in preserving and transmitting cultural heritage by ensuring that values, practices, and beliefs are passed down from one generation to the next.

Tuan Speaker, most of the current *adat* are originated and evolved from ancient philosophies and wisdom which reflect the social conditions prevailing centuries ago. The flux of social, economic, and political development during the last 60 years or so have brought about tremendous social changes to the native communities.

Literacy has become widespread and brought paradigm shift particularly among the younger generations. A large number of natives have been converted to the new religions, especially Christianity.

The cumulative effects of these social changes have, to a certain extent, caused some *adat* to be irrelevant, particularly those relating to spiritual sanctions, prohibitions, and restrictions.

In view of this, the Majlis has recommended to the native community leaders that their *adat* need to be reviewed and modernised to adjust and adapt to the changing social circumstances to make them relevant again. The review would be insert some important adat which were overlooked or left out during the earlier codification exercises.

REVIEW OF ADAT

Tuan Speaker, with regard to *Adat Iban*, the Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak has embarked on the review of *Adat Iban 1993*. The focus is on *Adat Berumah Begulai Bebola Maioh* (Communal Resettlement), *Adat Ruang Bilik* (Family Matters), *Adat Tanah* (Property) and *Adat RENCHIT* (Miscellaneous Adat).

This year the Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak has held three workshops with Iban community leaders. The first workshop was held from 26th to 27th March 2025, in Miri, Sarawak. This workshop involved community leaders from Limbang, Miri, and Bintulu Divisions. The second workshop was held from 9th to 10th April 2025 in Sibu which involved community leaders from Sibu, Sarikei, Kapit, and Mukah Divisions. The third workshop was held in Kuching from 23rd to 24th April 2025 involving community leaders from Kuching, Samarahan, Serian, Sri Aman, and Betong Divisions.

The purpose of these workshops was to verify the veracity of some of the data on the draft for the new *adat* code. The progress report on the draft has been presented to the Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak during its meeting on the 28th to 29th April 2025. For example, in this review is the *adat* on adoption. According to the present *adat*, adoption is restricted to adopting a child who is under 18 years of age. Adoption in Iban community is not only confined to adopting a child. The Iban community has three categories of adoptions, namely: adoption of a child, adoption of an adult person by childless couple, and posthumous adoption of an adult to continue an heirless household (*nampung bilik panas*) *ko jako iban*.

Tuan Speaker, with regards to *Adat Bidayuh*, the Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak is reviewing *Adat Bidayuh 1994* and focuses on *adat* relating to Family Matters, Communal Settlement and Property. During the first five months of this year, the Majlis has conducted an engagement in Kuching on 27th to 28th February 2025 involving community leaders from Serian and Kuching divisions.

The first draft of the reviewed *adat* was presented to the community leaders for their comments and feedback. An example of the review is on *adat* of mourning and bereavement (*Parih Ramban*), that is from Bukar Sadung language, I think. During the period of mourning and bereavement all forms of social activities, particularly involving celebrations and merriment, are prohibited. However, if an occasion, which involves entertainment or merriment, has been planned prior the death of a person in the village, the prohibitions can be temporarily lifted by paying a self-imposing fine, known as *Adat Pintahak Omon Bateh [Bukar-Sadung]*, to the bereaved family. The mourning and bereavement period would resume after the end of the activity.

Tuan Speaker, the Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak is also reviewing (*Adat Kayan Kenyah 1994*, *Adat Lun Bawang 2004* and *Adat Bisaya 2004*). The works on *Adat Kayan-Kenyah* is to split the *Adat* into two separate codes, namely *Adat Kayan* and *Adat Kenyah*. In addition, this year the Majlis has conducted a study on *Adat Bidayuh* and *Adat Bisaya*, on 22nd to 24th February 2025 in Limbang. The study was focusing on family and property matters.

The draft on the splitting of *Adat Kayan-Kenyah* is almost completed. The next step is to present the draft to the Kayan and Kenyah community leaders for their comments and feedback. With regards to *Adat Lun Bawang 2004*, a number of the provisions are being reviewed and modernised. For example, the *adat* on marriage dowry. The current *adat* requires that live buffaloes

by the bride family as dowry is mandatory to be presented to the family. However, due to the high price of buffalos now, this *adat* would not be mandatory anymore. The buffalos may be replaced by a sum of money agreed by the two families.

Tuan Speaker, the draft of *Adat Melanau* is being reviewed also. The focus is on family matters. Most of the *adat* on marriage such as “*pakan and berian*” (*belanja*), family negotiations, and ceremonial ritual are still practised. However, some elements of the *adat* need to be modernised or adjusted. For example, the conversion of certain ritual items, which are hardly available now, into monetary values. This is to preserve and at the same time modernise the *adat*.

Tuan Speaker, in line with its roles and functions of promoting and disseminating *adat*, the Majlis has conducted five awareness programmes with community leaders from Kuching, Serian, Sibul, Bintulu and Limbang Divisions this year. The purpose was to enhance the knowledge on *adat* of the newly appointed *Ketua Masyarakat and Ketua Kaum*.

IMMIGRATION AND LABOUR MANAGEMENT UNIT (ILMU)

Tuan Speaker, I will now proceed with matters relating to the Immigration and Labour Management Unit (ILMU). In line with the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030), the Sarawak Government continues to undertake transformative measures in immigration and labour management. These initiatives aim to foster a dynamic economic environment, enhance industrial relations, and attract investments by leveraging digitalisation and progressive regulatory frameworks. To position Sarawak as a competitive hub for investors, the government is committed to providing non-tax benefits that enhance the business ecosystem.

One of the key initiatives in this effort is the implementation of Foreign Workers Transformation Approach (FWTA) System, effective from 15th January 2025. This system also represents a pivotal step in digitalising the immigration and labour processes. It is also to streamline the recruitment and regulation of foreign workers, ensuring efficiency and transparency. This is in compliance with international labour standards, thus strengthening Sarawak’s appeal to foreign and domestic investors.

Tuan Speaker, a harmonious and progressive industrial relations framework is fundamental to facilitate and sustain economic growth. Recognising this, the Sarawak Government has undertaken key amendments to the Sarawak Labour Ordinance (SLO), which came into effect on 1st May 2025.

These amendments are designed to enhance protection for workers, promote industrial harmony, and align with global best practices. The revised Sarawak Labour Ordinance underscores the Government’s commitment to fostering an equitable and dynamic labour market. Through these initiatives, Sarawak is poised to advance its economic resilience while ensuring that its labour policies remain robust and adaptable to future challenges. The Government will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to refine these frameworks and reinforcing Sarawak’s position as a preferred destination for investment with its harmonious and productive workforce.

ISU-ISU YANG DIBANGKITKAN OLEH AHLI-AHLI YANG BERTAMBAH

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya saya ingin memberi penjelasan dan maklumat terkini mengenai perkara-perkara yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli-ahli Yang Bertamabah di bawah seliaan saya. Bagi isu yang dibangkitkan oleh Ahli Yang Bertamabah bagi Pending dan Ahli Yang Bertamabah bagi Pujut, Kerajaan Sarawak mengambil maklum akan sumbangan pesara kerajaan dan swasta yang berasal daripada Semenanjung Malaysia, Sabah dan bukan warganegara kepada Sarawak sepanjang perkhidmatan mereka di Sarawak. Bagi warganegara Malaysia yang telah bersara dan berasal dari Semenanjung Malaysia dan Sabah yang berkahwin dengan isteri berasal dari Sarawak, mereka boleh tinggal di Sarawak dengan menggunakan kemudahan pas lawatan sosial jangka panjang.

Pas ini dikeluarkan oleh Jabatan Imigresen Malaysia Sarawak di bawah dasar pasangan kepada warganegara Malaysia, Sarawak. Permohonan untuk mendapatkan taraf Permit Masuk di Sarawak hanya boleh dikemukakan setelah syarat dan kriteria dipenuhi. Manakala bagi individu yang berasal dari Semenanjung Malaysia dan Sabah yang telah bersara dan tiada Sarawak *connection, no connection of Sarawak*, buat masa ini pihak Kerajaan Sarawak belum ada polisi yang membolehkan mereka dipertimbangkan untuk memohon taraf permit masuk bagi mendapatkan status penduduk tetap di Sarawak.

KETUA MASYARAKAT DAN KETUA KAUM

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman semua Ahli Yang Berhormat di dalam Dewan yang mulia ini, Kerajaan mengambil maklum akan peranan penting serta tanggungjawab Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum yang semakin bertambah seiring dengan aspirasi Kerajaan untuk mencapai status negeri maju menjelang tahun 2030 seperti yang digariskan dalam Strategi Pembangunan Pasca COVID-19 (PCDS-2030). Di samping itu, Ketua Kaum juga adalah merupakan Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK) di kawasan masing-masing bagi memastikan pentadbiran kampung dapat dilakukan dengan lebih berkesan.

KENAIKAN GAJI KETUA MASYARAKAT DAN ELAUN KETUA KAUM

Maka, untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat yang menyuarakan keprihatinan berhubung dengan isu kenaikan gaji Ketua Masyarakat dan elaun Ketua Kaum, kali terakhir Kerajaan Sarawak membuat penyelarasan adalah pada tahun 2018 yang melibatkan kenaikan elaun sebanyak RM100.

Oleh itu, cadangan bagi kenaikan kadar baharu gaji Ketua Masyarakat dan elaun Ketua Kaum telah dibentangkan dalam Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Khas Pengurusan Hal Ehwal Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum dan jawatankuasa telah memutuskan agar cadangan tersebut diperincikan. Ini bagi memastikan kadar yang dicadangkan adalah munasabah dan bersesuaian dengan tanggungjawab serta peranan yang dipikul oleh Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum. Cadangan ini akan dibentangkan semula dalam Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Khas Pengurusan Hal Ehwal Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum pada suku tahun ketiga 2025.

CADANGAN PENAMBAHAN JAWATAN BAHARU KETUA MASYARAKAT DAN KETUA KAUM

Kerajaan Sarawak peka terhadap keperluan penambahan jawatan Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum di seluruh Sarawak. Ini adalah untuk mempertingkatkan lagi keberkesanan penyampaian perkhidmatan Kerajaan kepada rakyat. Untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu, Pelagus, Bukit Semuja, Meradong, Batu Kitang, Tellian dan Ngemah, Kerajaan Sarawak setakat ini telah menerima sebanyak 923 permohonan cadangan pewujudan jawatan baharu Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum dari semua bahagian di seluruh Sarawak.

Kesemua permohonan ini telah diteliti dengan mengambil kira garis panduan umum merangkumi keluasan kawasan, jumlah penduduk dan pertambahan bilangan rumah di kawasan tersebut. Permohonan-permohonan ini akan dibentangkan di dalam Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Khas Pengurusan Hal Ehwal Ketua Masyarakat dan Ketua Kaum juga pada suku tahun ketiga 2025.

Untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Meradong dan Ngemah, kriteria umum bagi pewujudan jawatan baharu Ketua Kaum yang diguna pakai di seluruh Sarawak hendaklah mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya 20 buah pintu atau rumah bagi sesebuah rumah panjang atau kampung.

PEMBUKAAN AKAUN BANK JKKK

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas, berdasarkan prosedur semasa, pembukaan akaun bank bagi Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK) hanya memerlukan Sijil Perakuan Pendaftaran Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung

(JKKK) yang dikeluarkan oleh Pejabat Residen Bahagian. Prosedur ini adalah untuk memastikan hanya Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK) yang berdaftar dan diiktiraf oleh Kerajaan sahaja yang dibenarkan untuk membuka akaun atas nama Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK).

NAIK TARAF DAN BAIK PULIH RUMAH REHAT KERAJAAN DI DAERAH KECIL ENKKILILI

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Engkilili, kerja-kerja naik taraf dan baik pulih Rumah Rehat Kerajaan di Daerah Engkilili sedang dalam pelaksanaan oleh Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) Sarawak dengan jumlah peruntukan sebanyak RM500,000. Skop kerja projek adalah merangkumi *roofing works, laying of bitumen for parking area and fencing works*. Projek ini dijangka siap pada penghujung tahun 2025.

RENEWAL OF GUN LICENCES AND CARTRIDGE PURCHASE PERMITS

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan, pengurusan senapang patah dan peluru adalah ditadbir urus berdasarkan kepada Akta Senjata Api, 1960 dan Perintah Kuasa Eksekutif Sabah dan Sarawak (Senapang Patah), 1977.

Berdasarkan arahan pentadbiran semasa, syarat pemilikan senapang patah individu di Sarawak adalah hanya bertujuan untuk melindungi tanaman dan ternakan daripada serangan haiwan perosak dan bukannya untuk aktiviti memburu.

Setakat ini, sebanyak 45,967 lesen senapang patah bagi individu dan syarikat atau agensi telah didaftarkan di seluruh Sarawak. Oleh itu, urusan melibatkan senapang patah dan peluru perlu dikawal dan diuruskan secara cekap dan teratur dalam memastikan keselamatan dan ketenteraman awam terjamin.

Untuk makluman Dewan yang mulia ini, Kerajaan Sarawak sedang membangunkan sistem *e-Firearm* untuk mengurus tadbir permohonan berkaitan dengan Lesen Senapang Patah agar lebih teratur, cekap dan efisien.

Oleh yang demikian, Kerajaan Sarawak mengambil maklum cadangan Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan untuk penurunan kuasa meluluskan lesen membeli peluru senapang patah daripada Pegawai Daerah kepada Pegawai Tadbir bagi memenuhi keperluan masyarakat luar bandar.

PEMILIKAN SENAPANG PATAH (*SHOT GUN*)

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ngemah, Kerajaan Sarawak sedia maklum tentang pewarisan senapang patah sebagai salah satu bentuk harta pusaka warisan komuniti Dayak, khususnya bagi mereka yang menjaga bilik utama keluarga di rumah panjang.

Namun begitu, selaras dengan dasar Kerajaan Sarawak yang sedia ada pewarisan hanya dihadkan kepada ibu atau bapa kepada anak lelaki atau anak perempuan sahaja. Ini adalah bagi menjamin akauntabiliti dan kawalan keselamatan dalam pemilikan senapang patah tersebut.

Bagi pemilik senapang patah yang tidak mempunyai anak lelaki atau anak perempuan, senapang patah tersebut hendaklah diserahkan kepada pihak Polis Diraja Malaysia untuk tujuan pelupusan.

Mengenai cadangan untuk membuka semula permohonan Permit Kebenaran Membawa dan Menggunakan (*Carry and Use*) Senjata dan Peluru bagi tujuan mengelakkan pertikaian pewarisan, buat masa ini, Kerajaan Sarawak tiada rancangan untuk membuka semula permohonan Permit *Carry and Use* kepada individu.

Permit *Carry and Use* hanya dipertimbangkan kepada syarikat kawalan keselamatan dan agensi atau jabatan kerajaan atas faktor keselamatan dan kawalan.

**MEMOHON MENAIK TARAF DAERAH KEPADA BAHAGIAN DAN DAERAH KECIL
KEPADA DAERAH PENUH**

Tuan Speaker, untuk makluman Ahli- Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Murum dan Engkilili, Kerajaan Sarawak mengambil maklum cadangan dan syor untuk menaik taraf Daerah Belaga kepada Bahagian dan menaik taraf Daerah Kecil Engkilili dan Sungai Asap kepada Daerah penuh.

Setakat ini, kerajaan belum membuat keputusan mengenai cadangan-cadangan seperti yang disyorkan. Buat masa ini, Pentadbiran Daerah dan Pentadbiran Daerah Kecil yang sedia ada akan terus bertanggungjawab dan menyediakan perkhidmatan yang diperlukan kepada penduduk setempat.

ELAUN BERTUGAS DI KAWASAN PEDALAMAN (EBKP)

For the information of Ahli Yang Berhormat for Katibas, the eligibility for *Elaun Bertugas di Kawasan Pedalaman* (EBKP) has been revised through the amendment made to the *Pekeliling Perjawatan Negeri Sarawak Bilangan 20 Tahun 2023*.

Based on the criteria stipulated under this revised circular, 30 stations within Kapit Division are no longer eligible for *Elaun Bertugas di Kawasan Pedalaman* (EBKP) because these stations are already provided with basic amenities and infrastructure.

Based on the revised circular, to date only 14 stations in Kapit Division remain eligible for *Elaun Bertugas di Kawasan Pedalaman* (EBKP), while eight new stations have been added to the list.

For the information of this august House, under the Federal Government circular on *Bayaran Insentif Mengikut Lokasi dan Tahap Kesusahan*, teachers serving at schools in Kapit town are not eligible for this allowance anymore.

Saya ingin merakamkan jutaan terima kasih kepada agensi-agensi di bawah Jabatan Premier Sarawak iaitu Mahkamah Bumiputera Sarawak (MBS), Majlis Adat Istiadat Sarawak (MAIS), Unit Pentadbiran (UP); Unit Pengurusan Imigresen dan Buruh (ILMU); serta Unit Pengurusan dan Pembangunan Sumber Manusia (HRDM) atas usaha, kerjasama dan dedikasi pegawai-pegawai agensi dalam menyediakan ucapan penggulungan saya pada hari ini.

I wish to thank Tuan Speaker, State Secretary, State Attorney General, State Financial Secretary, Federal Secretary, and all Head of Departments, and all the DUN staffs for the decorum and smooth running of this Dewan sitting.

I would like to wish Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat and all State and Federal officers a very Happy Gawai Dayak, *Gayu Guru Gerai Nyamai Lantang Senang Nguan Menua*. To all Muslim colleagues and friends, selamat menyambut Hari Raya Aidiladha.

Tuan Speaker, I beg to support the Motion of Thanks on Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak opening address at the First Meeting of the Fourth Session of the 19th Sarawak Legislative Assembly Sitting.

Untuk mengakhiri ucapan saya di Dewan yang mulia ini, saya menyampaikan serangkap pantun sahaja:

*Ingin Hati Memakan Kari,
Kari Ayam Sayur Keladi;
Hati Gembira Tidak Terperi,*

Selamat Gawai serta Selamat Hari Raya Haji.

Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Menteri. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I think we have a lunch break, and the sitting shall resume at 2.30 p.m. this afternoon, Insya-Allah.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 12.48 tengah hari)

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 2.53 petang)

[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Tuan Speaker: Ahli Yang Berhormat, I shall now call upon Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin, Menteri Pengangkutan untuk menyampaikan ucapan penggulungan.

Menteri Pengangkutan; dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.75 Senadin (YB Dato Sri Lee Kim Shin): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Selamat Petang, Salam Sejahtera, Salam Segulai Sejalai dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur. Tuan Speaker, terlebih dahulu saya ingin merakamkan ucapan setinggi-tinggi tahniah kepada Tun Pehin Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar, Tuan Yang Terutama di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak atas ucapan pembukaan Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Keempat Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak Kesembilan belas yang penuh inspirasi, berpandangan jauh dan berwawasan bagi memacu Sarawak agar lebih maju dan gemilang.

Tuan Yang Terutama Tun juga amat prihatin terhadap perkembangan pembangunan ekonomi Sarawak serta kesejahteraan rakyat dalam mendepani pelbagai cabaran semasa. Saya juga ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr. Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier Sarawak atas pelantikan beliau sebagai Yang di-Pertua Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam Malaysia (PERKIM) pada 10 Mei 2025 yang lalu. Setinggi-tinggi tahniah saya ucapkan kepada Yang Berhormat Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri bagi N.8 Satok atas pelantikan beliau sebagai Timbalan Menteri Utiliti (Sarawak Energy Berhad dan PETROS) pada 17 Mei 2025 yang lepas.

Di kesempatan ini juga, saya ingin mengucapkan takziah kepada keluarga mantan Perdana Menteri Malaysia Kelima, Almarhum Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yang telah meninggal dunia pada 14 April 2025 yang lepas. Sepanjang beliau memegang jawatan sebagai Perdana Menteri, beliau banyak menyumbang kepada pembangunan ekonomi negara, memperkukuh tadbir urus yang baik dan prihatin terhadap kesejahteraan rakyat. Semoga roh beliau dicucuri rahmat dan ditempatkan dalam kalangan orang-orang yang beriman.

Tuan Speaker, this august House has successfully passed six (6) bills namely:

- (a) Supplementary Supply (2024) Bill, 2025;
- (b) Supplementary Supply (2025) Bill, 2025;
- (c) Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
- (d) Land Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
- (e) Local Authorities (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and
- (f) Infrastructure Development Trust Fund (Dissolution) Bill, 2025.

I would like to congratulate the respective Honourable Ministers for successfully tabling the Bills which have received strong support from all members.

GLOBAL DIRECTION FOR TRANSPORT AND NATIONAL TARGETS

Tuan Speaker, globally, transport remains a key enabler to economic growth and social connectivity. However, it also contributes significantly to greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for nearly a quarter of global emissions at approximately 23% in 2023 as reported by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Therefore, decarbonising the transport sector remains a top priority on the international agenda where global institutions such as the United Nations, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and International Maritime Organisation (IMO) have set ambitious emission targets including net-zero emissions by 2050 through measures such as cleaner fuels, green infrastructure and advanced technologies.

At the regional level, ASEAN continues to prioritise sustainable and inclusive connectivity with focus on sustainable infrastructure, smart and sustainable urban development, digital innovation, seamless logistics and supply chains, regulatory excellence and cooperation, as well as people-to-people connectivity in the development of the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan for the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

Malaysia has echoed these goals through national initiatives such as the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) and the Low Carbon Nation Aspiration 2040 to decarbonise energy and transport sectors while promoting inclusive, sustainable and competitive economic development.

SARAWAK'S TRANSPORT SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, under the leadership of the Right Honourable Premier, Sarawak continues align with national and global directions as we are committed towards a safe, resilient and sustainable mobility that not only meet the needs of our *rakyat* today but also prepares for the future.

LAND TRANSPORT AND LOGISTIC SECTOR

Sustainable Urban Transport: Kuching Urban Transportation System

Tuan Speaker, in Sarawak's land transport sector, the green agenda is emphasised in the transformation of the public transport system through initiatives such as the development of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS), which will be powered by clean hydrogen energy. These initiatives reflect Sarawak's commitment to the National Green Investment Strategies and the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR).

As of today, a total of six Infrastructure Packages contracts have been awarded under the project. Out of these, two packages have been successfully completed namely; the Advanced Ground Foundation Works for the Rembus Project, and the construction of a 3-kilometre stretch essential for the Proof of Concept (POC) trial run in Samarahan. The remaining four packages are currently in progress. These include the Rembus Depot Infrastructure Package, Blue Line Package 1, Blue Line Package 2, and the Red Line Package. Meanwhile, the infrastructure package for Green Line is presently in the preparatory stage for tender. The overall progress for KUTS Phase 1, as of April 2025 stands at 29.89% (against 33.86%).

Tuan Speaker, while Sarawak has embarked on the development of a green public transport through KUTS since October 2022, there is a recent development in Malaysia's commitment to advancing clean energy solutions and sustainable mobility. As part of the national efforts to promote hydrogen mobility, the Federal Government has launched a RM15 million Mobile Hydrogen Refuelling Station (MHRS) pilot project in Putrajaya. Led by the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MOSTI), in collaboration with Nano Malaysia, PETRONAS, Sime UMW (United Motor Works), and UMW Toyota, this pilot project serves as a platform for hydrogen technology

testing and validation. It currently features three Toyota Mirai hydrogen-powered vehicles as part of its demonstration fleet.

Located in Precinct 2 of Putrajaya, the refuelling station is capable of dispensing up to 50 kilograms of hydrogen daily, with PETRONAS Technology Ventures Sdn. Bhd. (PTVSB) as the supplier for hydrogen and oversees the station's engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) of the facility. While hydrogen-powered vehicles are not yet commercially available in Malaysia, this pilot station lays the groundwork for the future adoption of hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles.

With the transport sector currently contributing approximately 16.3% of national greenhouse gas emissions, this Mobile Hydrogen Refuelling Station (MHRS) pilot project initiative, complementing Sarawak's progressive hydrogen agenda, reinforces Malaysia's commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. It also positions Malaysia to become a regional hub for hydrogen mobility, supported by strong policy frameworks and collaborative innovation in advancing sustainable mobility and a low-carbon future.

Public Transport and Urban Traffic Management

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Urban Traffic Management Committee (SUTMaC) and the Sarawak Public Transport Committee (SPTC), both under my ministry, will continue to play a crucial role in managing public transport and urban traffic across Sarawak. These committees are actively identifying and proposing practical solutions to tackle issues such as traffic congestion, movement of goods and people, public transport service quality, and the growing demand for various transport modes in different divisions.

By addressing the specific transport needs of each division, SUTMaC and SPTC aim to develop an efficient, integrated, and reliable urban transport system that supports Sarawak's economic growth, strengthens connectivity, and improves the *rakyat's* quality of life. The committees will continue to engage regularly, monitor the progress of implemented initiatives, and respond proactively to new and emerging challenges in the transport sector.

At the recent SUTMaC and SPTC meeting on 19th March 2025, my ministry compiled a list of proposed projects for the 13th Malaysia Plan. These proposals were prepared and presented by the Residents, who lead the Divisional Urban Traffic Management Committees (DUTMaC) and Divisional Public Transport Committees (DPTC). The proposals include the introduction of new stage bus services, the development of lorry parking areas and terminals, integrated land and river transport terminal, as well as the construction and upgrading of bus terminals and depots. Also proposed are the installation of radar speed detection, smart traffic lights, CCTV systems, and the upgrading of traffic gardens.

The meeting also gathered proposals related to road and junction upgrades, construction of new bridges and flyovers, installation of streetlights, traffic signages, improvements to bus stops and shelters (including lay-bys and pedestrian bridges), additional parking spaces, and dedicated motorcycle lanes. My ministry has forwarded these proposals to the relevant ministries and agencies for further action. This coordinated effort ensures that our urban transport planning remains responsive, inclusive, and aligned with the development goals of Sarawak.

Improvement of Public Transport Services

Tuan Speaker, the plan to transform Sarawak's public transport sector is currently underway including the planning and development of an integrated Intelligent Transport System (ITS) to improve service coordination, operational efficiency and the overall passenger travel experience. While the planning, development and integration of this system is still in the early stages, my ministry has already initiated practical steps to modernise the public transport network.

Since the launch of the 14 units of smart stage bus services in October 2024 in Miri, this initiative has received an overwhelming positive response from the public and has accumulated 455,068 ridership within six (6) months. The reported ridership across the months has shown an increasing trend, showing that this public transport service is reliable and has attracted more people to use the bus services.

At the same time, my ministry is actively involved in the implementation of the Stage Bus Service Transformation (SBST) project in Kuching by the Ministry of Transport Malaysia through the Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) Sarawak. The project will introduce 56 new stage buses operating across 10 routes in Kuching, further improving public transport services in the city. Since it began on 5th March 2025, the project has recorded 34,860 passengers on five (5) out of ten routes now running in Kuching.

These routes are Taman Malihah, King Centre, Bako, Bau and Serian. Recently, a 6th route to Kampung Benuk started operating on 22nd May 2025. The SBST project, also known as the BAS.MY, aims to enhance public transport in Kuching while also helping to reduce traffic congestion. For a fixed rate of RM50 monthly for MyBas50 transit pass, passengers can enjoy unlimited rides on BAS.MY Kuching buses. Additionally, students, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities can travel free of charge under the SBST Programme.

As of 13th May 2025, 2,175 applicants have applied for the MyBas50 transit pass and *Kad Konsesi* for OKU, students and senior citizens since introduction in March 2025. The MyBas50 transit pass and *Kad Konsesi* can be registered and reload can be made at the counter set up by the bus company next to the Kuching Open Air Market bus station. The buses are also equipped with an electronic ticketing machine (ETM) that accepts debit and credit cards, e-wallets and cash.

Other than stage buses, express buses remain a crucial and essential mode of transport for many. My ministry remains committed to ensuring express buses remain a convenient and accessible option for those who travel regularly for work, studies or to visit family between cities and towns. Based on statistics collected at Kuching Sentral Bus Terminal, an average of 37 trips departs daily from the terminal.

The most popular domestic express bus destinations include Sibu, Bintulu, Sarikei, Miri, and Sri Aman, with Sibu being the top destination, accounting for 3,669 passengers or 19.3% out of the total departing passengers which is 19,023 for the year 2024. For cross-border express bus routes, Pontianak accounts for 4,818 passengers or 25.3% of the passengers departing from Kuching Central. To ensure continued service reliability, my ministry will continue to work closely with bus operators, government agencies as well as Indonesian counterparts to ensure demands are addressed.

Improvement of Traffic Management

Tuan Speaker, with regards to smart traffic lights in Sarawak, my ministry is working closely with the Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA) to ensure consistency and interoperability across all future traffic light system installations. To achieve this, all new systems must be based on proven real-time traffic management technologies and designed with open standards to ensure seamless compatibility. These systems must also be capable of integrating smoothly with each other and with the Centralised Traffic Monitoring and Control Centre.

Currently, 173 out of 342 traffic lights in Sarawak have been upgraded to smart traffic lights. Work is ongoing to upgrade the remaining 169 traffic lights in order to achieve a fully connected and efficient traffic management system. Out of the 173 smart traffic lights in Sarawak, the highest number is in Kuching with 92 units, followed by Miri with 30, Bintulu with 19, Sibu with 12, Samarahan with 9, Serian with 4, Sarikei with 3, Mukah with 2 and one each in Limbang and Kapit Divisions.

Road Safety

Tuan Speaker, road safety continues to be a critical global issue due to the alarming number of injuries and fatalities caused by road traffic accidents. The urgency of this issue was addressed during the 30th ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) Meeting held on 21st November 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, where a Joint Statement was adopted to strengthen regional cooperation in road safety; with prioritisation on evidence-based approaches to reduce road traffic fatalities and injuries through enhanced enforcement, public awareness, safe infrastructure and improved data systems, as part of the ASEAN Road Safety Strategic Plan 2026–2030.

In Sarawak, road accidents remain a serious concern. According to the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), Sarawak has recorded a total of 21,733 road accidents for the year 2024. Of these, 137 were serious accidents, and 362 lives were lost. This marks a 1.5% increase compared to the 21,418 accidents reported in 2023.

From January to April 2025 alone, Sarawak has recorded a total of 6,724 road accidents including 33 serious accidents and tragically, 108 fatalities. The statistics show that motorcars account for more than half of the total accidents, followed by four-wheel-drive vehicles and motorcycles. This clearly highlights the urgent need to raise awareness and promote safer driving practices among all road users.

In response, my ministry continues to work closely with PDRM, the Road Transport Department (JPJ) Sarawak, and other relevant agencies to carry out road safety awareness campaigns. These campaigns are held annually in conjunction with major festive seasons. For this year, they were successfully conducted in key locations including Sarikei and Miri Divisions during Chinese New Year, Mukah Division during *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* and Bintulu Division during *Hari Gawai Dayak*; all aimed at reaching as many travellers and road users as possible.

In addition to these efforts, my ministry successfully organised the Sarawak Traffic Games (STG) in Sarikei on 26th April 2025, following the positive reception of the Sarawak Traffic Games in Miri held on 23rd November 2024. Apart from enforcement and engineering, education plays a crucial part in raising road safety awareness especially among school students.

The Sarawak Traffic Games was revived by my ministry to educate school children about road safety through fun, interactive activities. By teaching basic traffic rules, signs, and safe behaviour in a hands-on way, we hope to instil good habits early and reduce accidents in the long term. This year, the programme will continue in other divisions including Sibu, Kuching, Bintulu, and Sri Aman.

Raising road safety awareness needs to be constant because road safety is an ongoing challenge, not a one-time issue. Thus, my ministry is actively promoting the Transport Awareness Behavioural Change (T-ABC) programme across all 12 divisions in Sarawak. Our programme includes road safety talks, exhibitions, and public engagement sessions to encourage safer attitudes and behaviours on the road. This year, my ministry has successfully conducted two T-ABC programmes, one in Mukah and the other in Bintulu.

Border-Crossing Improvements

Tuan Speaker, efforts are also being made to tackle challenges related to border-crossing efficiency and traffic management at key entry points including Sungai Tujoh (Miri), Tedungan and Pandaruan (Limbang), and Mengkalap (Lawas) ICQS. These initiatives aim to overcome congestion between Sarawak and Brunei, particularly in areas bordering Miri and Limbang Divisions, thereby improving regional mobility and transport integration.

In the case of Sungai Tujoh (Miri), I am pleased to inform this august House that upgrading works are currently underway at the Miri Sungai Tujoh Immigration, Customs, Quarantine, and Security (ICQS) Complex. The project, which is expected to be completed by December 2025, will

include four additional lanes and eight counters, significantly improving traffic flow and reducing bottlenecks.

Logistic Hub Development

Tuan Speaker, to strengthen Sarawak's logistics ecosystem and support economic growth, my ministry is planning the development of integrated logistics infrastructure across Sarawak. As logistics activities continue to grow alongside industrial and commercial development, this initiative is essential not only to ease traffic congestion and address illegal roadside parking, but also to enhance road safety, operational efficiency and ensure the structured and efficient movement of goods and people throughout Sarawak.

In this context, the Miri Lorry Terminal is the first of its kind in Sarawak, currently at the tender evaluation stage for its earthworks package. Once completed, the project will advance to the next phase, which involves tendering for the construction of the terminal building.

The Bintulu Division has been identified as sites for large-scale lorry hubs, intended to manage high freight volumes and act as central nodes within Sarawak's logistics network. The Bintulu Lorry Terminal is currently in the planning stage, with ongoing deliberations on its operational model and final site selection.

MARITIME AND RIVERINE TRANSPORT SECTOR

Tuan Speaker, in line with global efforts to decarbonise the transport sector and strengthen navigational safety, my ministry is working closely with relevant stakeholders to enhance sustainability and resilience of Sarawak's riverine transport system. These initiatives are critical especially for Sarawak, where rivers continue to serve as an essential mode of transport for rural and coastal communities which support mobility, economic activity and daily life.

Malaysia Maritime Law Revision and Reform Committee (MLRRC)

Tuan Speaker, to support these objectives, the revision and modernisation of Malaysia's maritime laws are crucial to ensure that the national legal framework remains relevant, forward-looking and competitive in today's evolving maritime landscape. In this regard, I am pleased to inform this august House that my ministry and the Sarawak Attorney-General's Chambers (SAG) have been appointed as members of the Malaysia Maritime Law Revision and Reform Committee (MLRRC), which was approved by the Federal Cabinet on 25th March 2025.

This committee is tasked with reviewing and revising the existing maritime legislation to meet current and future industry demands. This appointment reflects the Federal Government's recognition of Sarawak's important role in the maritime sector. As part of the committee, MOTS will actively contribute policy inputs and technical recommendations to ensure that Sarawak's interests and unique riverine transport environment are well represented within the national maritime legal framework.

Tuan Speaker, as my ministry continues to align Sarawak's transport development with global targets and contribute to national-level maritime policy, it is equally important to ensure effective implementation at the operational level. In this regard, the agencies under my ministry's purview remain actively engaged in safeguarding navigational safety across Sarawak's extensive river network.

Sarawak Rivers Board (SRB)

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Rivers Board (SRB) remains consistent in carrying out its roles and functions especially in maintaining navigational safety for vessels within Sarawak's inland waterways. As provided under Sarawak Rivers Ordinance, 1993, all vessels are required to carry

and display a valid River Transport Permit (RTP) which has to be renewed annually. As of 31st March 2025, the Board has registered a total of 5,950 vessels of various tonnages, of which 2,748 are cargo vessels, 1,423 are tugboats and 1,779 are other vessels.

As of 31st March 2025, a total of 73 new applications for permit and riverine activities such as pipeline or cable laying across in any river, water sports, wharves, jetties and bridges are received, processed and approved by the Sarawak Rivers Board.

The Sarawak Rivers Board is also actively organising programmes to raise people's awareness about rivers and to give individual citizens a sense of involvement and ownership toward rivers through the River Safety and Cleanliness Campaign including talks, dialogues, exhibitions, seminars and *gotong-royong* to the riverine communities and school children. In the first quarter of 2025, SRB has successfully organised two River Safety and Cleanliness Programmes, at Sungai Rh. Velly, Sungai Pinang, Ulu Skrang, Engkilili and Sungai Long Luping, Ba'kelalan Lawas. These programmes engaged a total of 312 local participants, including school children, in efforts to promote safe and sustainable use of Sarawak's inland waterways.

Furthermore, the Sarawak Rivers Board has actively carried out enforcement operations including river patrol, routine vessel inspections and special operations during festive occasion and school holidays. As of 30th April 2025, 18 compounds have been issued throughout Sarawak this year.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to update on the status of the Investigation Study on the Scouring at the Barrage Area and the Design of the Remedial Works at Sungai Sarawak Barrage. This study was commissioned to investigate the extent of scouring occurring both upstream and downstream of the Sungai Sarawak Barrage. For this study, SRB has engaged the Tianjin Research Institute for Water Transport Engineering (TIWTE) to conduct physical modelling and inspection of the physical model testing. This study was important to evaluate and optimise the proposed remedial solutions to effectively address the scouring issues at the barrage. I would like to inform this august House that this study has been completed, and the recommended remedial works outlined in the report will be considered for implementation under the 13th Malaysia Plan.

Buoys and Lights Board

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak Buoys and Lights Board (BLB) was established in 1961 under the Merchant Shipping (Buoys and Lights) Regulation 1961, Section 277 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1960. Its primary role is to provide and maintain sufficient Aids to Navigations (AtoNs) to ensure safe passage for vessels. In quarter one of this year, the navigation aids in Sungai Limbang were upgraded and the installation of five (5) single-legged beacons. Furthermore, a total of 12 buoys were installed at the Batang Lupar Bridge and 18 buoys at the Batang Paloh Bridge to enhance safe navigation of vessels transiting under the bridges and to minimise the risk of collisions.

Malaysia Marine Department Sarawak Region

Tuan Speaker, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Malaysia Marine Department Sarawak Region (Jabatan Laut Malaysia Wilayah Sarawak), for their continued dedication and commitment in ensuring the safety and security of our maritime sector. In the first quarter of 2025, a total of six marine accidents and incidents were recorded. The majority of these cases involved tow barges, accounting for four incidents. Collisions were the most common type of accident, also with four cases reported. Tragically, there were two fatalities, and two cases involved vessels that sank.

To uphold maritime safety standards, Jabatan Laut Malaysia Wilayah Sarawak has actively carried out inspections and enforcement activities. As of April 2025, a total of 130 inspections have been conducted, representing 44% of the total 292 inspections carried out throughout the year 2024.

Aviation Sector

Tuan Speaker, allow me to highlight several key global trends that are shaping the trajectory of the aviation sector as these developments will influence how Sarawak plans and strategies its aviation growth. The global aviation industry is undergoing a profound transformation propelled by digitalisation, shifting passenger expectations and strong policy commitments towards sustainability and resilience. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have identified digitalisation as the cornerstone of a future ready aviation system.

Across the aviation value chain, from airports and airlines to regulators and service providers, digital technologies are revolutionising operations and service delivery. Artificial intelligence, automation and data driven platforms are now central to functions such as air traffic control, predictive aircraft maintenance, seamless check-in and security processes and personalised passenger engagement.

Equally significant is the growing global adoption of the aerotropolis model, which treats airports as engines of economic growth rather than standalone transport nodes. Governments across the world are embedding this model into their development strategies. For example, in the Netherlands, Schiphol Airport anchors an aerotropolis that seamlessly connects air cargo, business services and innovation driven industries with multimodal transport systems, enhancing its role as a vital node in the European economy.

A key feature of the aerotropolis concept is the incorporation of aviation-related services such as Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), aerospace manufacturing, aviation training and air cargo logistics as strategic pillars for economic growth. Globally, policymakers are promoting such ecosystems to attract foreign direct investment, support technology transfer, and future-proof their aviation industries.

Tuan Speaker, the global aerospace industry is advancing rapidly, driven by breakthroughs in digital technology, the push for sustainable solutions and the repositioning of aerospace as a strategic economic sector. Nations around the world are investing in capabilities such as smart aerospace manufacturing and MRO, artificial intelligence, advanced materials, sustainable aviation fuel and aerospace-focused education and training to build resilient and future-ready aerospace ecosystems.

Sarawak is actively aligning its aerospace ambitions with international best practices. Our commitment to developing a comprehensive aerospace ecosystem is reflected through strategic collaboration with global industry players. Sarawak's aviation ambitions are aligned with these global directions. Through strategic planning particularly via the development of the new Kuching International Airport, the establishment of our very own regional airline, Air Borneo and development of aerospace sector, my ministry aims to ensure that aviation in Sarawak is not only a means of transport, but also a catalyst for industrial diversification, digital innovation and socio-economic advancement.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to inform this august House on the development of the aviation sector in Sarawak.

Performance of Sarawak Air Connectivity

For the information of this august House, there were 30,980 aircraft movements carrying 2.5 million passengers to all airports and STOLports in Sarawak in the first quarter of 2025 compared to 31,230 aircraft movements carrying 2.3 million passengers in the first quarter of 2024. It shows that 8% increase compared to the same period of time in 2024.

In the first quarter of 2025, a total of 14,438 tonnes of air cargo was handled, marking a significant increase of 23.3% compared to 11,072 tonnes in the same period of 2024. This notable growth reflects stronger demand across various sectors and improved connectivity to destinations throughout Sarawak. The cargo comprised a wide range of goods, including electrical and electronic products, oil and gas equipment, e-commerce consignments, general cargo such as textiles and clothing, as well as perishable items like fruits and fresh flowers.

International and Malaysia Domestic Flights

Tuan Speaker, in the first quarter of 2025, there were 37 international flights weekly to Sarawak. An average of 427 weekly flights were recorded from other states of Malaysia to Sarawak including federal territories. The existing routes are served by Malaysia Airlines, Air Asia, Batik Air, Firefly, MASwings, Air Asia Indonesia, Scoot, and Royal Brunei Airlines.

The Kuching International Airport received the most flight frequencies with 216 flights weekly, followed by Miri Airport with 99 flights, Sibu Airport - 55 flights, Bintulu Airport - 45 flights, Mulu – 7 flights, Limbang - 3 flights and Lawas with 2 flights weekly. For the information of this august House, I would like to announce that Batik Air will operate a new route from Subang to Kuching starting 28th July 2025.

Sarawak Domestic Flights

Tuan Speaker, for Sarawak domestic flights or scheduled flights within Sarawak, there are an average of 620 flights weekly in the first quarter connecting Sarawak major cities, towns and rural settlements under Rural Air Services (RAS). Miri airport manned the highest number with 181 flights weekly, followed by Kuching – 142 flights, Sibu – 66 flights and Bintulu – 40 flights weekly. The remainder of the flights were to the smaller airports and STOLports. The flight operations are operated by Air Asia, Firefly and MASwings.

Development of Air Borneo

Tuan Speaker, I wish to provide an update on the development of Sarawak's very own airline, Air Borneo. Following the successful signing of the Share Purchase Agreement between the Sarawak Government and Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) on 12th February 2025, the full takeover of MASwings Sdn Bhd is expected to be completed by 31st December 2025, upon the transfer of legal and beneficial ownership of Air Borneo Holdings Sdn. Bhd. Throughout the transition period from February to December 2025, all stakeholders are actively working to fulfil key conditions, including securing regulatory approvals, transferring operational assets from Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) to Air Borneo Holdings and implementing the necessary steps and strategies to ensure a seamless transition of operations.

Air Borneo will embark on a transformational role in enhancing Sarawak's regional and international air connectivity. Air Borneo will of course still focus on Rural Air Services and progressively on regional destinations. As part of the rebranding process, on 5th March 2025, the Air Borneo Logo and Livery Design Competition was launched, attracting close to 1,000 entries. The winning design will be selected and refined. This initiative showcases Sarawak's rich heritage and progressive vision through creative expression, offering Sarawakians the opportunity to be directly involved in shaping the identity of Sarawak's very own airline. Air Borneo is poised to create balance between connectivity, affordable air fares and economic benefits. By strengthening air connectivity and investing in airline capability, we are laying the foundation for inclusive and sustainable growth across sectors, while positioning Sarawak as a key player in the regional aviation landscape and act as a catalyst for aerospace industry development in Sarawak.

Public Service Obligation under Rural Air Services

Tuan Speaker, as of the first quarter of 2025, MAS Wings has recorded 191,837 passengers and transported 26.6 tonnes of cargo across its RAS network, with 8,670 aircraft movements. It is a

clear reflection of the critical role RAS plays in connecting our rural and remote communities. Following the planned acquisition of MASwings by the Sarawak Government, my ministry, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Transport Malaysia, MAVCOM, and MASwings, is committed to ensuring a smooth and seamless transition of the Rural Air Services (RAS) operations to Air Borneo. The schedule, frequency and network of RAS flights will remain unchanged during and after the transition. The period from the signing of the Share Purchase Agreement in February 2025 until the end of the year is to allow for a proper and risk-mitigated transition of operations from Malaysia Aviation Group to Air Borneo.

In addition, to ensure operational continuity, the entire workforce of MASwings will be retained, leveraging their experience and expertise to maintain service quality and reliability throughout the handover. The Federal Government also remains fully committed to upholding its Public Service Obligation (PSO) for Rural Air Services, working in partnership with the Sarawak Government to guarantee uninterrupted air connectivity for rural communities in the region.

Development of New Kuching International Airport

Tuan Speaker, I wish to provide an update on the development of the New Kuching International Airport (KIA), a strategic infrastructure project that reflects Sarawak's vision to enhance air connectivity and drive long-term economic growth. In line with the global airport digitalisation trends and Sarawak's own digitalisation transformation agenda, the new KIA is envisioned as a smart and futuristic airport which includes the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other latest technology in order to provide a seamless experience to all travellers.

My ministry has recently appointed an international consultant in joint venture with a local consultant to undertake the Site Verification and Feasibility Study, marking a significant milestone in the early planning phase. The next phase, under the 13th Malaysia Plan, will involve the formulation of a comprehensive aerotropolis masterplan and detailed design of new airport, covering all critical components such as terminal capacity, runway systems, airside and landside facilities, multimodal connectivity and scalability to meet future passenger and cargo demands. This will prepare us for the subsequent construction phase of the new airport.

In response to the Honourable Member for Padungan on his proposition for a proper feasibility study to be carried out on the proposed new Kuching International Airport, I would like to reiterate here, as I have mentioned earlier, that the consultant for the study has already been appointed. We must wait for the studies to be completed before any realistic cost estimation can be made.

This development is a testament to the Sarawak Government's commitment under the leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak to build critical infrastructure that supports economic transformation and positions Sarawak as a leading regional hub in the Borneo region. This project marks a pivotal milestone in Sarawak's long-term aviation strategy, enabling aerotropolis development and creating new economic opportunities.

Development of Miri Airport Optimisation

Tuan Speaker, in recent years, Miri Airport has seen a consistent increase in passenger traffic, cargo movements and airline activities. Notably, in 2019, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the airport recorded 2.43 million passenger movements, surpassing its design capacity of 2 million. Despite a significant decline in traffic in 2020 and 2021 due to the global pandemic and travel restrictions, a strong recovery began in 2022 and has continued steadily. In 2024, passenger movements had reached 2.07 million, once again exceeding the airport's capacity. This growing demand emphasises the urgent need for upgrades and expansion to enhance safety, service quality and operational efficiency.

Therefore, the GPS Government, with the support from the Federal Government through the Ministry of Transport Malaysia, has committed to a comprehensive development project for Miri

Airport. The key components for this development project encompass the upgrading of the existing terminal building, extension of the passenger pier and aerobridges as well as reconfiguration and expansion of both landside and airside infrastructure.

The Federal Government, through the Ministry of Economy, has allocated RM3.2 million earlier this year to facilitate the preliminary works which includes Soil Investigation (SI), Survey Works and Utility Mapping, Building Condition Assessment, Measured Drawing, Conceptual Design and Preliminary Cost Estimates.

To update this august House, the project is currently in its preliminary stage, with works being implemented by JKR Sarawak and scheduled for completion by November 2025. These preliminary works are important to ensure the full scope of the airport upgrading is planned and implemented effectively. On completion of these preliminary works, the main construction will be tendered out in the third quarter of 2026, under the 13th Malaysia Plan, with an estimated construction period of 36 months.

The upgraded Miri Airport will be capable of accommodating up to 4 million passengers annually. This expansion will significantly improve passenger flow, streamline airside operations and firmly position Miri as a strategic regional aviation hub for the long term.

Upgrading of Bario STOLport

Tuan Speaker, following several engagements between my ministry and the Ministry of Transport Malaysia, I am pleased to inform this august House that the Federal Government has approved the upgrade of the Bario STOLport. This initiative comes in response to the long-standing request to enhance operational efficiency and safety, as the current runway is subject to Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) restrictions, limiting passenger capacity to only nine (9) per flight due to aircraft weight constraints.

The upgrading works, which commenced in September 2024, implemented by JKR Sarawak are scheduled for completion by March 2026. The scope includes extending the existing runway from 671 metres to 930 metres, with a 259 metre paved extension and a 412 metre clearway. It also involves resurfacing of the existing runway, new line markings, extension of the runway strip, installation of a new windsock and the provision of new Automated Weather System (AWS) equipment.

Supporting works such as site clearing, earthworks, geotechnical improvements, drainage, fencing, turfing, and minor terminal repairs are also part of the project. Upon completion, the upgraded STOLport will be able to safely accommodate aircraft carrying up to 19 passengers, significantly improving rural air access to the highland community of Bario.

Student Airfare Subsidy Programmes

Tuan Speaker, Student Airfare Subsidy Programmes. The Sarawak Government remains committed to supporting the welfare of our students studying outside Sarawak. Through the *Inisiatif Graduan Pulang Sarawak* (iGPS), eligible Sarawakian students can claim up to RM300 per trip, limited to two claims per year, for flights returning from Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah or Labuan. Applications are open throughout the year via yayasansarawak.org.my or Yayasan Sarawak Student mobile application in Apple App Store or Google Play Store and must be submitted within 60 days of the flight date.

To qualify, applicants must be Malaysian citizens aged 18 and above, with at least one parent of Sarawak origin and actively enrolled in full-time studies outside Sarawak. In 2024, a total of 13,714 Sarawakian students have benefitted from this initiative, helping ease travel costs especially during festive and academic breaks.

In addition, the Federal Government through the Ministry of Transport Malaysia introduced the FlySiswa programme, benefiting 16,044 Sarawakian students in 2024. The programme provides flight ticket subsidies of RM400 for students travelling between Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan. Applications can be made via *flysiswa.mot.gov.my* between 1st January and 30th November 2025, with redemptions valid until 31st December 2025.

These initiatives reflect the steadfast commitment of the government to ensure that our students remain connected to their families while pursuing academic excellence across Malaysia. By providing financial assistance for air travel, programmes like iGPS and FlySiswa help ease the economic burden on students and their families, especially during festive seasons, semester breaks or urgent personal matters.

Additional Flights during Festive Seasons

Tuan Speaker, additional flights during festive seasons. For the information of this august House, my ministry continues to collaborate closely with the Ministry of Transport Malaysia to ensure the availability of flights during festive seasons and school holidays.

During the recent Chinese New Year, a total of 98 additional flights were deployed by Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), AirAsia and Batik Air, connecting Kuala Lumpur and Johor Bahru to various destinations across Sarawak. Similarly, during the last *Aidilfitri* celebration, 46 extra flights were operated by MAG and AirAsia to the same destinations.

Looking ahead to the upcoming *Gawai* festival, AirAsia has scheduled 13 additional flights from Kuala Lumpur, Kota Bharu and Johor Bahru to various locations in Sarawak. In addition, Malaysia Airlines (MAS) and FireFly have arranged for 15 extra flights from Kuala Lumpur to Kuching, Sibul, and Miri, scheduled around the *Gawai* holidays.

While the airlines have stepped up by offering additional flights and maintaining reasonable airfares, my ministry would like to encourage all travellers to plan their journeys early and make advance bookings. This proactive approach will help mitigate potential disruptions and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to return home and celebrate the *Gawai* festival with their loved ones.

RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF DUN

Tuan Speaker, response to specific issues raised by the Honourable Members, the Honourable Member for Opar. Tuan Speaker, for the information of the Honourable Member for Opar, the stage bus service Route No. K26, which operates between Kuching, Lundu and Sematan, was discontinued on 1st July 2024 by the bus company. The bus service ceased operation due to its low ridership, which made it financially unsustainable to cover operating costs. However, my ministry is currently formulating new initiatives to ensure the continued provision and expansion of affordable stage bus services including collaboration with Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) Sarawak under the Stage Bus Service Transformation (SBST) project.

Tuan Speaker, for the information of the Honourable Member for Batu Kitang, enforcement operations by Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) Sarawak are regularly being carried out, which include enforcement on commercial vehicles. As of April 2025, 857 overloading offences have been recorded by JPJ Sarawak. For *Kenderaan Perkhidmatan Barangan* (KPB), a common violation is the modification of vehicle structure (e.g., lorries' bucket) from the approved plan, often leading to the offence of carrying loads beyond the permitted weight.

One of the continuous efforts of JPJ includes providing information on repeated offenses (which is more than three times) by the same company or owner of commercial vehicles to Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) Sarawak for further action regarding the permits under the company. Dialogue sessions with lorry associations are also held regularly each year as a reminder of traffic regulation compliance. My ministry is constantly engaging with stakeholders such

as JPJ Sarawak, CVLB Sarawak and the lorries association to improve road safety and combating overloaded lorries.

For the information of this august House, the Trans-Borneo Railway Feasibility Study is still under tender evaluation by the Ministry of Transport (MOT) Malaysia. This study will take 12 months to complete upon award.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Tellian, the tender for the installation of smart traffic light at the Jalan Wawasan/ Jalan Setia 2 Junction in Mukah, implemented by the Dalat and Mukah District Council (MDDM), was closed on 8th April 2025 and is currently under tender evaluation. The project, which is approved under the 12th Malaysia Plan funding, is expected to be awarded by the end of next month following the Tender Committee Meeting scheduled on the 26th of May 2025.

In response to the remark made by the Honourable Member for Padungan that "*Normally when projects are delayed, it comes with cost overrun*", I wish to inform this august House that it is not correct for this particular case. The minor delay of -3.97% has not caused any cost overrun up to this stage. Under the KUTS contract supervision, any delay by the appointed contractor or contractors are required to submit and execute a catch up/ mitigation plan. Any delays caused by the contractors, shall be subjected to Liquidated Ascertained Damages (LAD); this is a standard contract management practice. So far, the Green Line Package is yet to be awarded. As for the yellow line, it is not under KUTS Project Phase 1. It will be in the next phase of KUTS Project. As for the request on the cost of awarded packages, it will be provided to the Honourable Member for Padungan in writing as he has submitted questions for written answer on the same subject matter.

Conclusion

Tuan Speaker, before I conclude, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the agencies and stakeholders that have collaborated with my ministry, especially the Ministry Of Transport Malaysia and agencies under its purview including the Malaysian Aviation Commission (MAVCOM), Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM), Road Transport Department (JPJ) Sarawak, Commercial Vehicle Licensing Board (CVLB) Sarawak, Malaysia Marine Department Sarawak Region as well as the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM).

Our sincere appreciation also goes to all state agencies including those at the divisional level, for their invaluable support and assistance. I wish to extend my heartiest appreciation to Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar State Secretary, Yang Arif Dato Sri State Attorney-General, and Yang Berbahagia Dato Sri State Financial Secretary for their continuous support.

On the same token, I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Tuan Speaker, the team and all the staff of Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak for their dedication and efficiency in managing and handling the proceedings of this august House.

Di kesempatan ini juga, saya ingin mengucapkan Selamat Hari Pekerja, Selamat Hari Ibu, Selamat Hari Guru dan Selamat Hari Wesak yang disambut dalam bulan Mei ini. Saya juga ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk mengucapkan Selamat Hari Gawai dan Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha kepada semua warga Sarawak yang menyambutnya. Semoga Sarawak terus maju, makmur, kekal harmoni, dan sentiasa diberkati.

Tuan Speaker, saya ingin mengakhiri ucapan dengan tiga rangkap pantun dan salam Gawai.

*Dari Pending pergi Padungan,
Kepala pening banyak pusing;
Bila bercakap tak ada panduan,
Jadi tin kosong, banyak bising.*

*Jernih sungguh Sungai Sebangau,
Di atas perahu memasang pukat;
ART, AirBorneo jadi kebanggaan,
GPS menjunjung aspirasi rakyat.*

*Bas hidrogen meluncur tenang,
Sayap AirBorneo menjelajah udara;
Premier bijak rakyat senang,
Sarawak maju, makmur sejahtera.*

Ini Salam Gawai. Selamat Ari Gawai, *gayu guru, gerai nyamai, lantang senang, nguan menoa, chelap lindap, betuah belimpah, segulai sejalai mai pemansang.*

Tuan Speaker, saya dengan segala hormatnya menyokong penuh Usul Penghargaan atas Ucapan Tuan Yang Terutama Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak sempena perasmian Mesyuarat Pertama bagi Penggal Keempat Dewan Undangan Negeri Kesembilan Belas. Selamat Hari Gawai dan Selamat Hari Raya Aidiladha kepada semua warga Sarawak yang menyambutnya.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the sitting is now adjourned and the House shall resume its sitting at 9.00 am tomorrow.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 3.57 petang)