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6.	Encik Edry Saiful bin Abdul Hamid	*Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak*
7.	Encik Mohd Sahfizal Atoy bin Mohamad Faizal	*Jabatan Pertanian Sarawak*
8.	Encik Mohamed Nazeerudin bin Gulam Mohamed	*Kementerian Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah Sarawak*

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1. Cik Noria binti Suut
2. Puan Nur Azira binti Abdul Kadir
3. Puan Rabiah binti Abdul Kadir
4. Puan Aisha Parveen binti Badron
5. Encik Abdul Rahman bin Suaidi

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

PELAJAR PRAKTIKAL

1. Cik Siti Zubaidah binti Arip
2. Cik Amyna A’eisya binti Ranani

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[Tuan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

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PEMASYHURAN DARIPADA TUAN SPEAKER

Tuan Speaker: Bismillahirahmannirahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Selamat pagi dan Salam sejahtera. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, I have granted leave of absence under Standing Order 81, to Yang Berhormat Datuk Ding Kuong Hing, Honourable Member N.46 Meradong for today's sitting.

PERTANYAAN-PERTANYAAN BAGI JAWAPAN-JAWAPAN LISAN

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Royston bin Valentine, Tellian.

YB Encik Royston bin Valentine: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 56.

Dewan Belia Sarawak

(56) YB Encik Royston bin Valentine bertanya kepada Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan: Apakah perancangan dan tindakan awal Kerajaan untuk merealisasikan pelaksanaan DUN/ Dewan Belia Sarawak memandangkan perkara ini amat penting dalam pembangunan modal insan serta keterlibatan golongan belia secara langsung dalam agenda pembangunan Sarawak?

Timbalan Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan (Pembangunan Belia dan Sukan) (YB Dato Gerald Rentap Jabu): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Selamat pagi, Salam sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku Sayang.

Manuk engkukuk ari Tellian,
Minta nembiak sama Mansang,
MYSED ninga menajukan kemudahan,
Bajet Premier 2024 meri pengelantang.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, pada masa ini pihak Kementerian belum mempunyai perancangan khusus bagi merealisasikan pelaksanaan DUN ataupun Dewan Belia Sarawak. Namun pada masa ini, pihak Kementerian melalui kolaborasi rakan strategik dengan SABERKAS dan Persatuan-persatuan Belia sememangnya platform bagi mengasah bakat kepimpinan dalam kalangan belia. Antara program lain adalah Program Integrasi Belia Sarawak di Johor dan Sabah dan Jelajah Belia Sarawak, Kem Kepimpinan Belia dan lain-lain lagi bagi memantapkan pembangunan modal insan di kalangan belia Sarawak.

Pihak Kementerian juga, bekerjasama dengan pihak URBANNICE Malaysia bagi melaksanakan *Youth Assembly Malaysia Urban Forum* pada 2023 pada bulan lepas di Sarawak bagi usaha mencungkil bakat. Sepertimana yang kita tahu, Yang Berhormat Tellian dan Yang Berhormat Machan merupakan bekas Ahli Parlimen Belia Malaysia dan pada masa sekarang kita ada sembilan orang Ahli Belia kita yang bersama memberi sumbangan di Parlimen Belia Malaysia. Di antaranya adalah:

(a) Mohamad Helmi bin Zamil;
(b) Abdul Adzim bin Abdul Rahman;
(c) Mohamad Zul Hariz bin Mohd Fadzli;
(d) Raden Khairulzaman bin Raden Bustari;
(e) Rapunzel Anthony Jamuh;
(f) Muhammad Nuur Iman bin Suip;

(g) Mohamad Sharan bin Mohamad Lizamberi;
(h) Damia Mirza binti Sapuan; dan
(i) Henry Lim Wei Peng

Yang sekarang berkhidmat sebagai Ahli Parlimen Belia dan ini juga kita ingin memastikan supaya kita dapat merealisasikan *that the Ministry wants to strive to ensure that a continued leadership to trace the challenges and development needs to Sarawak.* That's why we need to have a lot more involvement of the youths. We also want to have a resilient, learned and a skilled Sarawak workforce to be the catalyst and engineered growth for the future and prosperity of Sarawak and most importantly, a uniting force as part of our Sarawak in line with our Sarawak PCDS 2023 platform. Terima kasih.

YB Encik Royston bin Valentine: *(Soalan Tambahan)* Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Kita harap cadangan untuk mewujudkan Dewan Belia ataupun DUN Belia itu kita dapat usahakan bersama di masa akan datang. Jadi, di sini saya ada dua soalan tambahan:

(a) Apakah inisiatif-inisiatif baharu Kementerian dalam meningkatkan perpaduan di kalangan belia kita terutamanya bersama dengan Negeri Sabah dan Semenanjung Malaysia? Dan soalan kedua saya

(b) Apakah Program Pembangunan Belia yang telah digerakkan oleh pihak Kementerian dalam meningkatkan kemahiran dan kepimpinan belia Sarawak terutamanya di DUN Telian?

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri Belia, Sukan dan Pembangunan Usahawan (Pembangunan Belia dan Sukan) (YB Dato Gerald Rentap Jabu): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tellian, bahawa semakin besar untuk meningkatkan semangat perpaduan di kalangan belia terutamanya di Wilayah Sarawak, Sabah dan Semenanjung Malaysia, Kementerian telah melaksanakan program Sarawak-Johor-Sabah *Youth Exchange Programme* pada bulan lepas yang melibatkan 45 pemimpin belia dari ketiga-tiga wilayah.

Kita percaya program berkenaan adalah penting di dalam mengasah bakat kepimpinan dalam kalangan belia di samping meningkatkan semangat perpaduan. Sehubungan itu, pihak Kementerian akan melaksanakan program berbentuk berkenaan di peringkat antarabangsa di masa hadapan melalui perancangan kita untuk guna *Youth Summit 2024* yang melibatkan belia Malaysia, Brunei dan Indonesia.

Kita juga baru-baru ini telah mengadakan Sukan Perpaduan bersama juga dengan warga Kementerian Belia dan Sukan di mana Menterinya sendiri telah hadir bersama dan kita akan bersama membentangkan kertas kerja pada *Global Muslim World Business Forum 2023* daripada 28-30 November ini di BCCK.

Untuk soalan yang kedua, untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Telian, pihak Kementerian sentiasa bekerjasama dengan agensi dan pertubuhan bukan kerajaan dalam membantu meningkatkan kemahiran dan kepimpinan belia di Sarawak.

Antara program yang telah dirangka dan dilaksanakan di Bahagian Mukah yang turut melibatkan belia dari kawasan Tellian adalah seperti berikut:

(a) Program Belia Kasih Ramadhan pada 12 April 2023;
(b) Kursus Kepimpinan dan Pengurusan Organisasi pada 7-8 Jun 2023;
(c) *Youth Got Skills in* Mukah pada 17-18 Jun 2023; dan
(d) Pada bulan Disember ini iaitu pada 9-10 Disember nanti kita akan mengadakan Program MYSED *Go University.*

Sekian, terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Mohd Chee bin Kadir, Kabong.

YB Encik Mohd Chee bin Kadir: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 57.

Projek RTP di DUN Kabong

(57) YB Encik Mohd Chee bin Kadir bertanya kepada Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar: Ada beberapa Projek RTP yang telah dirancangkan untuk kawasan DUN Kabong masih ditangguh atau belum bermula. Apakah tindakan yang diambil untuk memastikan projek-projek tersebut dapat dilaksanakan dan akhirnya siap untuk kepentingan rakyat?

Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar (YB Datuk Gerawat Gala): Selamat pagi, Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur, Tuan Speaker. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong, sehingga 3 November 2023, sejumlah 152 Projek RTP telah dilulus untuk kawasan DUN Kabong dengan jumlah siling sebanyak RM36,480,000. Status pelaksanaan projek adalah seperti berikut:

(a) Daripada 152 projek tersebut, lima projek ataupun 5.3% berstatus Belum Mula (BM);
(b) Tiga projek atau 8.6% berstatus Dalam Perancangan (DPr);
(c) 25 atau 17.1% berstatus Dalam Pelaksanaan; manakala selebihnya iaitu
(d) 105 projek Sudah Siap ataupun 69.1%.

Antara sebab 21 projek di DUN Kabong yang belum dilaksanakan adalah seperti berikut:

(a) Dalam proses pindaan projek (Notis Perubahan); *that means the Notice of Change,* ya*;*
(b) Dalam proses pertapakan;
(c) Dalam proses penyediaan dokumen atau reka bentuk; dan
(d) Dalam proses cabutan undi.

Bagi memastikan projek-projek tersebut dapat dilaksana dan disiapkan seperti yang dirancang, maka, tindakan-tindakan berikut akan diambil:

(a) Mempercepatkan proses permohonan Notis Perubahan ataupun *Notice of Change* untuk pindaan projek; dan kedua

(b) Mengadakan penyelarasan dengan lebih kerap antara Pejabat Residen, YB ADUN, agensi pelaksana dan agensi berkaitan serta penduduk setempat. And I would just like to emphasize here that the *Pusat Khidmat* from the respective ADUN also plays a very important part here.

YB Encik Mohd Chee bin Kadir: *(Soalan Tambahan)* Terima kasih atas jawapan. Saya ada satu sahaja soalan tambahan:

(a) Apakah penyumbang kepada kelewatan meluluskan *Notice of Change,* kenapa ianya lambat diluluskan? Itu sahaja.

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri di Jabatan Premier (Buruh, Imigresen dan Pemantauan Projek) (YB Datuk Gerawat Gala): Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Kabong. The Notice of Change has got to go through a process whereby there is a procedure which has been issued by SIMU, whereby the Notice of Change is done after the first tier, then, it has to be referred to the EPU. So, it very much depends on the initiative of the respective ADUN to notify or issue the notice as soon as possible so that, yes, so that the EPU can process the Notice of Change earlier. That means, as long as the sighting approval has been obtained, it should not take that long. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Friday anak Belik, Krian.

YB Encik Friday anak Belik: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 58.

Tanah NCR di Kawasan Kabo

(58) YB Encik Friday anak Belik bertanya kepada Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar: Bilakah Kerajaan akan menyukat secara individu menggunakan Seksyen 18 (KTN) ke atas baki 600 ha daripada keseluruhan 1063 ha tanah NCR di kawasan Kabo yang sudah disukat menggunakan Seksyen 6 dan sudah diwartakan?

Timbalan Menteri Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar (YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Krian. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam sejahtera dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur. Untuk menjawab soalan Yang Berhormat bagi Krian, kawasan Kabo yang dimaksudkan adalah merujuk kepada Kawasan Krian, Sungai Krian dan Sungai Kabo, Saratok yang telah diwartakan sebagai Rizab Komunal Bumiputera (Pertanian) di bawah Seksyen 6, Kanun Tanah Sarawak melalui Swk. L.N. 308 bertarikh 2 November 2015 berkeluasan lebih kurang 1,032 hektar atau 2,550 ekar.

Pengukuran lot individu ke atas sebahagian daripada kawasan berkenaan iaitu seluas 655 hektar atau 1,619 ekar melibatkan sebanyak 450 lot telah siap pada Januari 2023 tahun ini dengan 90 lot telah dikeluarkan dengan Surat Hak Milik Tanah dan baki sebanyak 360 lot dalam proses untuk dikeluarkan dengan Surat Hak Milik Tanah. Terima kasih.

YB Encik Friday anak Belik: *(Soalan Tambahan)* Terima kasih atas jawapan Timbalan Menteri. Saya ada dua soalan tambahan:

(a) Apakah *progress* pengukuran perimeter tanah NCR di dalam DUN saya iaitu N.39 Krian setakat ini dan daripada jumlah itu, berapakah jumlah keluasan tanah yang telah diwartakan di bawah Seksyen 6?

(b) Bagaimanakah cara untuk memastikan sesuatu permohonan pengukuran lot individu diproses dan dilaksanakan dengan berkesan terutamanya ke atas baki kawasan yang belum dimulakan pengukuran di kawasan kampung tersebut?

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri Perancangan Bandar, Pentadbiran Tanah dan Alam Sekitar (YB Datuk Haji Len Talif Salleh): Terima kasih sekali lagi Tuan Speaker, dan terima kasih sekali lagi kepada Yang Berhormat Krian. Sebenarnya soalan no. 1 tadi belum penuh dijawab tapi saya sambungkan dan seterusnya akan jawab soalan tambahan.

Jadi, baki 377 hektar atau 932 ekar lagi belum dapat diukur memandangkan para penuntut masih dalam proses penentuan dan penandaan sempadan rintis lot individu masing-masing di lapangan. Sesi dialog bersama penuntut tanah terlibat telah dijadualkan untuk diadakan pada bulan Disember 2023 bagi mengesahkan kesediaan mereka sebelum pengukuran dapat diteruskan ke atas baki kawasan berkenaan.

Jadi, seterusnya untuk menjawab soalan tambahan 1 dan 2 tadi, setakat 31 Oktober 2023, seluas 36,635 hektar atau 88,052 ekar telah diluluskan untuk diukur perimeter di bawah Program Pengukuran Tanah NCR Inisiatif Baru. Daripada jumlah ini, seluas 32,705 hektar atau 80,814 ekar telah siap diukur, manakala, 775 hektar atau 1,915 ekar lagi akan dimulakan pengukuran pada tahun 2024 melibatkan kawasan Ulu Melupa Krian, Saratok seluas 18,504 hektar atau 45,723 ekar telah diwartakan sebagai Rizab Komunal Bumiputera (Pertanian) di bawah Seksyen 6 Kanun Tanah Sarawak.

Untuk menjawab soalan kedua, bagi memastikan permohonan pengukuran lot individu dapat diproses dan dilaksanakan dengan berkesan, penuntut tanah mestilah bersedia untuk tanah mereka diukur dengan mengenal pasti dan merintis sempadan tanah masing-masing dan mengemukakan pelan lakaran kasar berserta senarai nama penuntut tanah bersama-sama dengan permohonan mereka. Tanah yang dituntut juga hendaklah bebas daripada pertikaian dan penuntut hendaklah memastikan mereka dapat hadir semasa pengukuran di lapangan. Penubuhan Jawatankuasa Tanah atau *Land Committee* di kalangan para penuntut tanah adalah amat digalakkan dalam membantu kerja-kerja persediaan sebelum, semasa, dan selepas pengukuran dilaksanakan. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming, Tanjong Batu.

YB Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 59.

Bintulu Port

(59) YB Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Port Development: What is the expected time frame for the State Government to assume control of Bintulu Port from the Federal Government?

Timbalan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan (Pembangunan Pelabuhan) (YB Dato Majang anak Renggi): Ya, Terima kasih Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Batu.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Tanjong Batu, the Sarawak Government has persistently desired to take over the Bintulu Port in restoring its right as enshrined in the Malaysia Agreement 1963. The Bintulu Port is a federal port under the purview of the Ministry of Transport Malaysia. This vital federal port plays a strategic role and an important asset to complete Sarawak's economic ecosystem.

For the information of this august House, the Yang Amat Berhormat Prime Minister, during his Budget Speech 2024 has agreed to handover the Bintulu Port to the Sarawak Government. We are in the process of preparing the required legal provisions and other necessary arrangements to assume control of the Bintulu Port in tandem with the Federal Government's due process to repeal the following Acts:

(a) Declaration of an Area in Bintulu District to be a Federal Port Act, 1979; and two, the
(b) Bintulu Port Authority Act, 1981.

The whole process is expected to be completed by July 2024.

YB Encik Johnny Pang Leong Ming: *(Supplementary Question)* Thank you, Deputy Minister. Tuan Speaker, I have two supplementary questions:

(a) Will the handing over affect the current Bintulu Port's operation?
(b) What is the Sarawak Government's plan for the Bintulu Port?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Infrastruktur dan Pembangunan Pelabuhan (Pembangunan Pelabuhan) (YB Dato Majang anak Renggi): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Member for Tanjong Batu. In response to supplementary question no. 1, the handing over of the Bintulu Port Authority involves the change of administration from the Federal Government to the State Government. The transition will not disrupt the Bintulu Port's operation.

To answer the second supplementary question regarding plans for the Bintulu Port. Under the Sarawak Government's administration, the Bintulu Port will play a pivotal role in facilitating Sarawak's economic development, in particular the oil and gas industry and its midstream and downstream activities, edible oil, the proposed supply base, Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS), production of hydrogen and other biofuels. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh, Bawang Assan.

YB Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 60.

Free Education by 2026

(60) YB Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh to ask the Minister for Education, Innovation and Talent Development: Have we taken the definite steps leading to the provision of free education by 2026 for students enrolled in the State-owned IPTs?

Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat (Pengajian Tinggi dan Inovasi) (YB Datuk Dr Haji Annuar bin Rapa'ee): Thank you, Tuan Speaker and also Yang Berhormat Bawang Assan, my neighbour.

Tuan Speaker, in regard to the free education for our tertiary institution which has been announced by the YAB Premier in August. This is a very massive policy because it means a lot for our future generations. Since then, our Ministry has currently engaged with the main stakeholders of this, particularly the State-owned Higher Learning Institutions like Curtin, Swinburne, UTS, CENTEXS, as well as i-CATS. And also with the Economic Planning Unit, the State Financial Secretary, as well as Yayasan Sarawak and Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak. Three labs have already been done to deliberate on the strategies for the implementation of this noble policy. Thank you.

YB Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh: (*Supplementary Question)* Thank you, Yang Berhormat Deputy Minister. Tuan Speaker, I have two related supplementary questions. They may be too premature, but I still want to ask these supplementary questions.

(a) How would free education be implemented come 2026. Will all the existing students enrol in all our IPTS being given free or just the first new intake in 2026 be entitled to such a privilege? Question no. 2 is a related question to education, we know that the Government is setting out five international colleges in each of the major divisions in Sarawak,

(b) Would such students in international colleges be entitled to free education?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan, Inovasi dan Pembangunan Bakat (Pengajian Tinggi dan Inovasi) (YB Datuk Dr Haji Annuar bin Rapa'ee): Thank you very much Yang Berhormat Bawang Assan. The first question with regards to the current students who are already Year 2 or Year 3, come year 2026 when this policy is being implemented whether they will also able to benefit for free education, of course Tuan Speaker, because by then we will know how many students in each of the universities which the capacity currently is about 4,000 and therefore, if all of them are given free that means, we have about 25,000 students in the whole State of Sarawak that will benefit from this free education.

For question no. 2, with regards to the international school, the main objective of this international school is number one, to give a chance, particularly the low-income group but particularly the rural student to benefit from this international school. Therefore, it is important, or it is one of the main objectives that they will be able to enroll to all the universities, particularly the state-owned university.

So, with this policy it's actually a parallel where we start with the international school and by the year 2026, hopefully, will be able to provide free tertiary education to all the students in Sarawak. Thank you very much, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Nicholas Kudi anak Jantai, Baleh.

YB Encik Nicholas Kudi anak Jantai: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 61.

Pampasan Tanah NCR

(61) YB Encik Nicholas Kudi anak Jantai bertanya kepada Menteri Utiliti: Apakah inisiatif Kerajaan untuk membayar pampasan kepada tuan punya tanah NCR yang terlibat sebagai tapak pembinaan menara telekomunikasi yang belum menerima bayaran?

Timbalan Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi (Telekomunikasi) (YB Datuk Liwan Lagang): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Izinkan saya untuk turut mengucapkan tahniah atas lantikan semula Tan Sri Datuk Amar Speaker sebagai Speaker Dewan yang mulia ini.

Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Baleh, proses pengambilan balik tanah adalah mengikut prosedur yang telah ditetapkan oleh Kanun Tanah Sarawak dan sekiranya tanah yang terlibat dengan tapak telekomunikasi ini tadi, Projek Telekomunikasi tertakluk kepada tuntutan *Native Customary Right* ataupun NCR yang sahih, ini yang sahih, NCR yang sahih, kadar pampasan tanah adalah berdasarkan kepada nilai pasaran yang telah dinilaikan oleh Jabatan Tanah dan Survei. Terima kasih.

YB Encik Nicholas Kudi anak Jantai: (*Soalan Tambahan)* Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Timbalan Menteri di atas jawapan sebentar tadi. Saya ada dua soalan tambahan:

(a) Berapakah jumlah menara telekomunikasi yang telah dirancang dan akan dilaksanakan di kawasan DUN Baleh? Manakala, soalan kedua
(b) Bilakah menara-menara tersebut dijangka beroperasi?

Timbalan Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi (Telekomunikasi) (YB Datuk Liwan Lagang): Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Baleh. Ini merupakan Ahli Yang Berhormat yang prihatin, ingin kemajuan yang baik untuk kawasan.

Pastikan bahawa Kerajaan GPS ini Kerajaan yang amat baik. Tidak ada kawasan yang ditinggalkan bahkan yang jauh kita bagi dengan kemudahan yang amat baik. Bagi DUN Baleh jangan risau, banyak *tower* telekomunikasi telah dirancang dan akan dibina iaitu 40 buah di antara kawasan yang mendapat perhatian yang amat baik dan bagi soalan yang kedua tadi, ini soalan yang amat subjektif, bila ianya dapat beroperasi? Menara tersebut akan beroperasi sepenuhnya secara berperingkat sehingga suku keempat tahun 2024 dan ini pula tertakluk, tertakluk kepada masalah izin lalu dan pengambilan tanah untuk tapak projek. Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Lidam anak Assan, Katibas.

YB Encik Lidam anak Assan: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 62.

Collection of Rubbish Services in Longhouses DUN Katibas

(62) YB Encik Lidam anak Assan to ask the Minister for Public Health, Housing and Local Government: There are many longhouses already accessed by road in DUN Katibas i.e, Teluk Jambu to Lajan and to Ng. Banjor. What is the plan to include them in the collection of rubbish services?

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kerajaan Tempatan) (YB Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas and the Honourable Members of this august House, Kapit Council covers three administrative districts namely Kapit, Song, and Belaga which is approximately the size of the State of Pahang around 38,000 square kilometers. As such, it is extremely difficult to provide an effective and efficient waste collection system for such a big area with limited manpower and accessibility. However, the Kapit District Council is in the process of extending its scavenging services in the Song District that are already linked by roads especially in areas at Jalan Takan until Rumah Jala including the New Resettlement Scheme there at Jalan Song-Sibu until Sibuloh and Jalan Song-Kapit until Lajan and Embuau area.

As the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas is also aware, the Kapit District Council has completed the construction of one new bin centre at the junction of SK Nanga Telamat and a new bin centre along the Embuau area. The rubbish collection services for these areas will commence anytime this month with the frequency of collection of three times per week. For the long-term plan, the Kapit District Council will increase the number of bin centres along Jalan Temalat up to Teluk Jambu, Embuau until Lajan and along Jalan Takan up to Rumah Penghulu Galau in stages starting next year. As for the Nanga Major, the rubbish collection services will be provided once the collapsed bridge is rebuilt.

YB Encik Lidam anak Assan: (*Supplementary Question)* Thank you, Deputy Minister. I have two supplementary questions:

(a) What is the current status of Song's dumping ground? And
(b) Is there any plan by the Majlis Daerah Kapit to build a new land field?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kerajaan Tempatan) (YB Datuk Dr Penguang Manggil): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Katibas, Song's dumping ground, the existing Song's dumping ground located at Jalan Takan is 60% full of an expected life span of another eight more years.

So, in the long run, the Kapit District Council have already plan to build a Level 3 sanitary land field with an environmental engineering feature such as leachate circulation, passive land field venting system and leachate treatment system at Nanga Ngumu which will cover the rubbish collection from Kapit as well as Song. The Council in collaboration with the Land and Survey Department and is still in the process of identifying a suitable site at Nanga Ngumu for that purpose. Thank you very much.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Miro anak Simuh, Serembu.

YB Encik Miro anak Simuh: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Soalan saya no. 63.

Stesen Penimbang di Jalan Bau-Kuching

(63) YB Encik Miro anak Simuh bertanya kepada Menteri Pengangkutan Sarawak: Laluan Jalan Bau-Kuching sering rosak akibat daripada lori-lori yang membawa batu yang lebih muatan. Adakah Kementerian dengan kerjasama Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) mempunyai perancangan untuk menempatkan stesen penimbang di Jalan Bau-Kuching?

Timbalan Menteri Pengangkutan (Penerbangan dan Jalan Raya) (YB Datuk Dr Jerip anak Susil: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker and terima kasih kepada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu. Untuk makluman Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu, setakat ini belum ada perancangan untuk

pembinaan stesen penguatkuasa timbang di sekitar Jalan Bau-Kuching. Walau bagaimanapun, Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ) Sarawak telah dibekalkan tiga unit alat timbang mudah alih yang digunakan bagi tujuan penguatkuasa kenderaan perdagangan yang membawa lebih muatan. Sehingga Oktober 2023, sebanyak 1,771 jumlah saman kerana kesalahan lebih muatan atau muatan berbahaya di Sarawak telah dikeluarkan.

Tuan Speaker, pada masa ini stesen penguatkuasa timbang yang terdekat adalah Serian yang merupakan stesen penguatkuasa utama bagi Bahagian Kuching, Samarahan dan Serian dalam melaksanakan operasi berkaitan dengan kenderaan lebih muatan. Selain itu, Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan Sarawak turut juga mempunyai dua stesen penguatkuasa timbang di Stapang, Sibu dan Skaloh, Miri.

YB Encik Miro anak Simuh: (*Soalan Tambahan)* Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker dan terima kasih, Timbalan Menteri. Saya ada dua soalan tambahan yang ingin dikemukakan:

(a) Berapakah jumlah saman yang telah dikeluarkan di Bahagian Kuching bagi kenderaan melebihi muatan atau muatan berbahaya pada tahun 2023?
(b) Apakah saluran yang boleh diguna pakai oleh orang awam untuk buat aduan kepada pihak berkuasa?

Terima kasih.

Timbalan Menteri Pengangkutan (Penerbangan dan Jalan Raya) (YB Datuk Dr Jerip anak Susil: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker dan terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu. Untuk soalan pertama, setakat ini pada bulan Oktober 2023, sebanyak 343 saman telah dikeluarkan kepada kenderaan melebihi muatan ataupun muatan berbahaya di Bahagian Kuching termasuk di Jalan Bau-Kuching dan pihak Kementerian dan JPJ sentiasa mengalu-alukan kerjasama orang awam untuk membuat aduan berkaitan isu tersebut.

Untuk jawapan soalan nombor dua daripada Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu, orang awam boleh membuat aduan secara terus kepada Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan iaitu JPJ melalui emel, aduantrafik@sarawakjpj.gov.my dan melalui *Whatsapp* juga kepada Lembaga Pelesenan Kenderaan Perdagangan (LPKP) Sarawak melalui 011-24252754. I repeat, maybe a lot of the people wants to know, 011-24252754 *atau berhubung dengan PDRM melalui aplikasi* Volunteer Smartphone Petrol (VSP) dan selain itu, orang awam juga boleh membuat aduan kepada Jabatan Kerja Raya Sarawak. They have a platform for road care melalui *Whatsapp* 011-7017177 dan 011-7017277.

Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu sudah ada nombor, catat nombor ya, jangan lupa nombor. Setiap aduan boleh diserahkan besertakan dengan gambar. Jangan lupa gambar, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Serembu. Gambar, tarikh dan masa kejadian yang berlaku. Sekian, Terima kasih.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Chieng Jin Ek, Bukit Assek.

YB Encik Chieng Jin Ek: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 64.

Fatal Rabies Cases

(**64) YB Encik Chieng Jin Ek** to ask the Minister for Food Industry, Commodity and Regional Development Sarawak: How many fatal rabies cases happened in Sibu Division in the past 3 years and what are the effective preventive measures to overcome this fatal disease?

Timbalan Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah (Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah) (YB Datuk Maclaine Ben @ Martin Ben): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Selamat pagi dan Salam Sarawak Maju Makmur. Tuan Speaker, sebelum saya menjawab soalan, saya juga dengan rakan-rakan Ahli Dewan yang mulia ini ingin menggunakan peluang ini untuk

mengucapkan tahniah kepada Tan Sri Datuk Amar Speaker di atas pelantikan semula sebagai Speaker Dewan yang mulia ini, baru-baru ini.

For the information of the Honourable Member for Bukit Assek, rabies is a fatal disease that affects both humans and animals. Since 2021, the number of human fatalities stood at 20 out of 22 cases in Sibu Division as of October 31st, 2023.

Meanwhile, the number of positive animals' rabies cases in Sibu Division stood at 27 out of 83 cases of samples collected in the last three years. The Sarawak Government has implemented several preventive measures to overcome the spread of this fatal disease as well as to prevent human fatalities. The measures taken are as follows:

(a) Control of rabies in dogs by Anti-Rabies Vaccination;
(b) Increase Rabies Awareness Programmes;
(c) Control of stray dog populations through dogs' removal from the streets as well as neutering campaign;
(d) Enforcement of Veterinary Public Health Ordinance, 1999 and Dog licensing By-law by the Local Councils and effective control of free roaming dogs under Section 37;
(e) Conducting Licensing and Microchipping Programme between the Local Councils and Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak;
(f) Integrated Bite Case Management including Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) treatment;
(g) Immune Belt Enforcement Team (IBET);
(h) Increase the number of Post-Bite Clinics in Sibu Division from the existing three to six public health facilities since July 2023; and
(i) Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) alert system of any reported wild/ bearded pig deaths and on any possible spillover of rabies to wildlife.

Sekian, terima kasih.

YB Encik Chieng Jin Ek: (*Supplementary Question)* Okay. Thank you, Yang Berhormat Deputy Minister. Tuan Speaker, I have two supplementary questions.

(a) Despite carrying out various preventative measures, why does rabies cases continue to occur?
(b) What are the challenges faced by the Department in carrying out rabies eradication?

Timbalan Menteri Industri Makanan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah (Komoditi dan Pembangunan Wilayah) (YB Datuk Maclaine Ben @ Martin Ben): Thank you for the two supplementary questions from the Honourable Member for Bukit Assek. For question no. 1, rabies cases continue to occur due to the following reasons:

(a) High Number of Stray Animal Population especially the unvaccinated and unneutered dogs, contributed significantly to the spread of rabies;

(b) Low Awareness and Education;

(c) Human Behaviour: People may not always follow guidelines regarding pet vaccinations or may not seek medical attention promptly if bitten by rabid animal;

(d) Lack of responsibility pet ownership leads to low awareness on the importance of vaccinating their pets against rabies;

(e) Delay in seeking medical attention or did not go to hospital after a potential exposure;

(f) Unsafe interactions with animals and lack of knowledge about the risks associated with handling or approaching animals, especially stray or wild animals can lead to unsafe interactions;

(g) Ineffective Bite Wound Management;

(h) Resistance to Control Measures: Low awareness led to resistance or opposition to vaccination campaigns or other control measures due to fear, mistrust, or misconceptions about the safety and the efficacy of vaccines.

For your question no. 2, rabies eradication is a complicated and challenging task for Health and Veterinary Department. Our challenges faced in carrying out rabies eradication efforts include:

(a) High Stray and Free Roaming Animal Population:

Stray dogs and cats serve as reservoirs for the rabies virus;

(b) Low compliance Among Pet Owners:

Resulting in incomplete coverage despite all the programs organized by the department;

(c) Public Apathy and Awareness:

Lack of apathy and awareness about the importance of vaccinating pets, recognizing rabies symptoms, and seeking prompt medical attention after a potential exposure can contribute to the persistence of the virus;

(d) Resistance by the NGOs and Some Communities:

In some cases, communities resist or oppose vaccination campaigns due to cultural beliefs, misinformation, or concerns about the safety of the vaccines. Resistance from the NGOs for targeted removal of strays hampered the efforts to control the unvaccinated strays in the city;

(e) Transboundary Movement of Animals:

The movement of animals across borders contributed to the spread of rabies;

(f) Lack of Manpower:

All out mass vaccination is proven to be effective. However, DVS is lack of manpower to carry out the task and most of them do multitasking as an enforcement, port-health, quarantine, livestock development and extension program. Therefore, inter-agency collaboration is crucial to eradicate this disease.

Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Dato Ibrahim bin Baki, Satok.

YB Dato Ibrahim bin Baki: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 65.

Accessibility Early Childhood Education

(65) YB Dato Ibrahim bin Baki bertanya kepada Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti: What are the steps taken to ensure accessibility early childhood education especially in rural areas? What is the current rate of enrolment at Government preschools?

Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (Pembangunan Wanita dan Kanak-Kanak) (YB Datuk Hajah Rosey binti Haji Yunus): Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Satok and all the Honourable Members of this House, the establishment of preschools especially in the rural areas are based on the needs and requests of the local communities and leaders. Through the Majlis Pembangunan Awal Kanak-kanak Sarawak (MPAKS), in which all implementing agencies are its members, we coordinate the establishment of preschools so as to avoid overlapping.

SeDidik, being our State-owned early childhood provider, will fill in the gap in the areas that are not covered by other agencies. Currently, SeDidik has five preschools in quiet rural areas that are in Long Kawa, Long Kerangan, Long Leng, Long Jenalong, and Ba'Selulong to cater to the needs of our Penan children. The upcoming preschools in the rural areas are Rumah Seliau, Ulu Oya, Selangau, Sibu which is expected to start operating in early 2024; and another one at Long Tebanyi, Sungai Paong Ulu Tinjar, Baram which is expected to operate in the second quarter of 2024.

For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Satok, the enrolment rate at the Government preschools now is 46,505 children out of 70,305 preschool enrolments which is 66.14%. Based on the data by the Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak (JPNS), 98.71% of Year One children attending the 2023/ 2024 academic year have attended preschools. Thank you.

YB Dato Ibrahim bin Baki: *(Supplementary Question)* Thank you, Yang Berhormat Deputy Minister. I have two supplementary questions:

(a) What are the initiatives by the Ministry to ensure the access to preschools education for special needs children? and the other one is
(b) What are the steps taken to ensure the quality of preschools educators in Sarawak?

Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti (Pembangunan Wanita dan Kanak-Kanak) (YB Datuk Hajah Rosey binti Haji Yunus): Thank you, Tuan Speaker and for the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Satok, again, thank you for your two supplementary questions.

The Ministry has actually embarked on an Open-Door Policy since 2020. There are now 129 special needs children in SeDidik preschools. Besides SeDidik, there are 146 special needs children in 26 *prasekolah* under Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri, 17 children in TADIKA KEMAS, and 97 children in 22 private preschools. So, actually these are the special needs children through our Open-Door Policy. To support educators in their tasks to deal with the special needs children, trainings are provided through with collaboration with One-Stop Early Intervention Centre (OSEIC) Sarawak.

And, for the second question, to ensure the quality of preschools educators, several initiatives are taken by various implementing agencies like SeDidik, KEMAS, JAPMIN, JPN and also private institutions of which among the initiatives include conducting Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and upskilling programmes to ensure their skills and knowledge to better assist and guide our young learners. In 2023, nine courses have been conducted involving 800 educators.

For SeDidik, our State-owned early childhood education provider, the Ministry has set a target that is to achieve 100% of the 163 educators having at least a Diploma in ECCE. ECCE is Early Childhood Care and Education by 2025, that is the target, 100%. As of October 2023, 93%, 93.25% that is 152 educators of SeDidik have at least a Diploma in ECCE. The remaining 11 are still pursuing their studies and are expected to graduate in 2025 as the target is 100% by then. The Ministry and the various implementing agencies will continue to conduct relevant trainings and courses in 2024. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman, Tupong.

YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 66.

Solar Energy Initiatives

(66) YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman to ask the Minister for Energy and Environmental Sustainability to what extent is Sarawak's plan to develop its solar energy initiatives to contribute to the overall Malaysia grid power generation mix?

Timbalan Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar (YB Datuk Dr Haji Hazland bin Abang Hipni): Thank you, Tuan Speaker. For the information of the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong, there are basically two solutions to adapt and mitigate climate change.

The first solution is through the nature base solution and the second solution is through the technical base solution. Through the nature base solution, this includes our carbon sync which make up the 62% of forests in Sarawak, mangroves, peats, corals, sea grasses, and planktons.

The second solution is the technical base solution which includes all our renewable energy including hydro power, solar power, hydrogen, microalgae, synthetic energies, carbon capture usage, and storage. This is a more accurate and effective solution towards the mitigation of climate change. So, the Sarawak Government is promoting the private sector participation in renewable energy projects with the objective to attract more foreign direct investment (FDI) and global leading companies to Sarawak. By 2030, the Government is targeting to install a maximum of a few thousand megawatts (MW) of energy through the Large-Scale Solar (LSS) generation in all our four dams.

The Government, through Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) is developing a pilot project of 50 MW floating solar project on the Batang Ai Reservoir. The project is currently under implementation and is expected to be commissioned in 2024. The project is developed and shall be operated as an Independent Power Producer (IPP), with SEB partnering an international conglomerate in the IPP. At the same time, the Government has also introduced a Net Energy Metering (NEM) scheme. Under the NEM, excess energy generated from the consumer's solar panels (PV) can be exported back to the grid and this excess energy will be credited to the NEM user's electricity bill. Thank you.

YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman: *(Supplementary Question)* Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih, Honou rable Member for Demak Laut. I have two supplementary questions. I would like to know:

(a) What is the current capacity mix? And

(b) How do we plan to integrate the solar into our grid as we know the issue of intermittent as we know the solar would not be able to provide 24-hour power supply?

Thank you, Tuan Speaker.

Timbalan Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar (YB Datuk Dr Haji Hazland bin Abang Hipni): Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong. Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB), is tasked to maintain a minimum of 60% renewable energy capacity mix by 2030, including solar and other alternative energy sources. At this point of time, it is made up of 62% hydro, 21% natural gas, 16% coal, and 1% diesel.

For the second supplementary question, the current generation capacity, where majority is from dependable resources such as large hydropower, solar intermittency does not pose any integrate or operational issue. However, Sarawak Energy is also assessing and exploring the use of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) which has long been seen as one of the key elements enabling a safe and reliable integration of intermittent energy sources such as solar into the grid system. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii, Repok.

YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. My question is no. 67.

Perumahan Kos Rendah

(67) YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii bertanya kepada Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan: Apakah dasar perumahan kos rendah dan perancangan Kerajaan dalam menambah jumlah rumah kos rendah seperti rumah Spektra Permata di Daerah Sarikei dan bagaimanakah Kerajaan Negeri dapat membantu rakyat memiliki rumah dan menyelesaikan masalah perumahan rakyat yang berpendapatan rendah?

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kesihatan Awam dan Perumahan) (YB Datuk Michael Tiang Ming Tee): Thank you, Tuan Speaker, and Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok. The provision of affordable housing is under the Concurrent List of the Federal Constitution. The Sarawak Government is always committed to coordinating and implementing Affordable Housing Development to target groups such as B40 with the desire to ensure that they can have a roof over their heads.

Sarawak Government plans to deliver 2,478 units of affordable housing throughout Sarawak under the RMK-12. Currently, the Ministry of Public Health, Housing and Local Government adopts the National Affordable Housing Policy for the implementation of low-cost housing development in Sarawak which capped the pricing of affordable housing between RM100,000 to RM300,000.

The Sarawak Government in collaboration with the Jabatan Perumahan Negara also provides Low-Cost Housing Programme known as *Program Perumahan Rakyat* (PPR) offering low-cost housing at the price of RM50,400 to RM59,220.

Aside from this, the Sarawak Government sanctioned affordable housing schemes by the private sectors and the requirements for overall housing development planning as imposed by the State Planning Authority (SPA) through the delivery of SPEKTRA Lite, SPEKTRA Medium, PUTERA and Sri Pertiwi are also being implemented. To assist the low-income group in owning a house, the Sarawak Government since 2021 have introduced the Housing Deposit and Repayment Assistance Scheme (HDRAS) where all eligible first-time house buyers will be assisted with the amount of RM10,000 as a deposit or assistance for the monthly repayment of housing loan at RM200 per month for a period of 48 months.

Aside from this, the development of Rumah SPEKTRA Permata (RSP) at *Skim Pembesaran Kampung* (SPK) and *Skim Penempatan Semula* (SPS) are also being implemented. Currently, the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) is in the progress of constructing 30 units of RSP at SPK Susur Jambu, Sarikei.

YB Dato’ Sri Huang Tiong Sii: *(Supplementary Question)* Thank you, Tuan Speaker. I have two supplementary questions:

(a) When is the completion date for the construction of 30 units Rumah SPEKTRA Permata (RSP) at *Skim Pembesaran Kampung* (SPK) Susur Jambu, Sarikei?

(b) Does the Government provide assistance for the construction of affordable housing on individual residential titled lands?

Thank you.

Timbalan Menteri Kesihatan Awam, Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (Kesihatan Awam dan Perumahan) (YB Datuk Michael Tiang Ming Tee): Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok for your supplementary questions.

Tuan Speaker, the construction of 30 units of *Rumah SPEKTRA Permata* (RSP) at *Skim Pembesaran Kampung* (SPK) Susur Jambu, Sarikei is expected to be completed by the end of next year. As for question number two, HDC through Mutiara Mortgage and Credit Sdn. Bhd. provides *Rumah SPEKTRA Mutiara* (RSM) programme to assist eligible individual landowners to build their own house at the cost of RM70,000 up to RM120,000. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, question time is up.

PERBAHASAN ATAS BACAAN KALI YANG KEDUA RANG UNDANG-UNDANG PERBEKALAN (2024), 2023 DAN USUL UNTUK MERUJUK RESOLUSI ANGGARAN PERBELANJAAN PEMBANGUNAN BAGI TAHUN 2024

Tuan Speaker: Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the question is that the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 be read a second time and the Motion to refer the resolution on the Development Estimates, 2024 be passed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, three days that is today, tomorrow, and Friday; are set aside for the Honourable Members to debate on the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 and the Motion to refer the resolution on the Development Estimates, 2024. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, Under Standing Order 31(8), I hereby impose 20 minutes for any Members who wishes to speak today.

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, priority is given to the new Honourable Member for N.67 Jepak to enable him to deliver his maiden address. There shall be no interruption during the maiden address, and I allow his speech to go beyond 20 minutes. I shall now call upon the Honourable Member for Jepak for his address.

YB Encik Iskandar bin Turkee: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Bissmillahirahmannirrahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Tuan Speaker: Waalaikumsalam.

YB Encik Iskandar bin Turkee: Salam sejahtera dan Salam Sarawakku Sayang.

Pertama kali, saya ingin memanjatkan syukur ke hadrat Allah SWT kerana berkat limpah kurnia-Nya, kita dapat bersama-sama hadir di Mesyuarat Kedua bagi Penggal Kedua Dewan Undangan Negeri Ke-19 ini. Tahniah, Tuan Speaker di atas pelantikan semula dan ini jelas menunjukkan pengalaman dan kebijaksanaan Tuan Speaker tiada tandingannya dalam mengendalikan sesi perbahasan Dewan yang mulia ini.

Terima kasih juga kepada Tuan Speaker kerana memberi peluang kepada saya untuk menyampaikan ucaptama saya bagi mewakili suara warga Jepak di dalam Dewan yang mulia ini. Di kesempatan ini juga, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada keluarga Allahyarham Datuk Talib bin Zulpilip di atas sokongan yang tidak berbelah bagi kepada Allahyarham sepanjang 30 tahun beliau menjadi wakil rakyat DUN Jepak. Perjuangan dan pengorbanan beliau sepanjang perkhidmatan tidak akan disia-siakan kerana saya sendiri akan memastikan ia akan tetap diteruskan dan diperjuangkan demi warga Jepak.

Tuan Speaker, terlebih dahulu saya ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih tak terhingga kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier dan barisan-barisan pemimpin di bawah Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) kerana telah memberi kepercayaan dan mandat sepenuhnya kepada saya untuk bertanding di bawah panji GPS di kawasan DUN Jepak yang lalu. Alhamdulillah dengan berkat kerjasama dari semua pihak-pihak khususnya barisan pemimpin-pemimpin GPS seluruh Sarawak dan khasnya juga kepada pengundi-pengundi di DUN N. 67 Jepak, serta seluruh keluarga besar parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu Cawangan N.67 Jepak telah bertungkus-lumus, maka, sekali lagi saya menzahirkan dengan izinNya kerusi DUN Jepak masih kekal milik GPS. Ini adalah kemenangan manis buat keluarga GPS dan bukanlah kemenangan

kepada saya secara peribadi. Kemenangan ini memberi petunjuk yang jelas bahawa rakyat semakin yakin dengan kepimpinan Kerajaan GPS di bawah kepimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, syabas dan tahniah diucapkan. Di sini semalam ada pantunkan, hari ini pun saya ada dua rangkap pantun ditujukan kepada semua yang membantu PRK Jepak pada 4 November 2023.

Pergi memburu bersama rakan,
Dapat seekor ayam hutan;
Terima kasih kami ucapkan,
Kerana sudi hulurkan bantuan.

Letih berjalan di tengah pekan,
Singgah sebentar di gerai Siti;
Terima kasih kami ucapkan,
Atas segala jasa dan bakti.

Tuan Speaker, kita percaya dan yakin bahawa kuasa mutlak dan hakiki dalam politik adalah dari rakyat. Tanpa amanah dan sokongan rakyat, perjuangan demi kesejahteraan rakyat hanyalah retorik kerana ia menutup kuasa pentadbiran yang juga datangnya hanya dari mandat rakyat. Saya percaya mandat rakyat tidak harus dipandang ringan kerana ianya adalah satu amanah yang berat yang akan dipertanggungjawabkan dan dipersoalkan di padang mahsyar nanti. Perjuangan demi kesejahteraan rakyat dan sokongan rakyat tidak boleh dipisah. Justeru, GPS dan rakyat berpisah tiada. Di sebalik asas perjuangan agama, bangsa dan tanah air yang ditarbiahkan di dalam hati sanubari kita, GPS sebagai sebuah parti yang berbilang kaum tidak pernah tersasar tumpuannya dalam memperjuangkan untung nasib rakyat. Saya menyedari untuk nasib rakyat yang saya wakili, bergantung kepada kesungguhan saya untuk berbakti, kerajinan saya untuk menyuarakan hasrat dan keresahan mereka, maka, adalah penting untuk saya bertekad dan berazam untuk tidak mengecewakan mereka yang memberi amanah ini kepada saya. Saya mesti belajar dan memahami dengan cepat bagaimana harus menggerakkan kerja saya selaku wakil rakyat yang efisien, jujur dan berwawasan. Dengan Belanjawan Pembangunan yang diperuntukkan begitu besar oleh Kerajaan GPS, sudah tentu masyarakat Jepak terutamanya di kawasan pedalaman tidak mahu ketinggalan dari arus kerancakan pembangunan yang dirancangkan oleh kepimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier.

Tuan Speaker, setelah mendengar pembentangan Bajet Tahun 2024 yang dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, dapat kita rumuskan bahawa bajet itu ternyata berjiwa rakyat. Bukan sekadar berjiwa rakyat, izinkan saya memberi deskripsi bahawa bajet ini juga berteraskan tunjang, tulang, darah dan saraf serta nadi rakyat di Negeri Sarawak. Belanjawan sebanyak RM12.3 bilion untuk tahun 2024 merupakan belanjawan yang terbesar dalam sejarah Sarawak yang pernah dibentangkan dalam Dewan Undangan Negeri berbanding semasa Yang Amat Berhormat semasa dilantik pada tahun 2017, belanjawan untuk 2018 adalah dianggarkan berjumlah RM8.2 bilion. Dalam tempoh enam tahun, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier telah berjaya meningkatkan bukan sahaja belanjawan malah pendapatan Sarawak melebihi dengan anggaran RM5 bilion.

Inilah rahmatnya yang nak saya kongsi kepada semua yang hadir di Dewan ini. Angka nombor enam adalah sinonim dengan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Negeri Sarawak yang mana Yang Amat Berhormat Premier adalah Ketua Menteri Keenam, tahun ini merupakan tahun keenam beliau menjadi Ketua Menteri dan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier berasal daripada Kampung No. 6. Nak naik Al-Quran pula terdapat 6666 ialah merupakan rahmat untuk kita di Negeri Sarawak.

Saya teruja dan menarik perhatian saya tentang peruntukan RM7.8 bilion untuk tujuan pembangunan dari seluruh Bajet 2024, yang telah diperuntukkan untuk rakyat sebanyak:

(a) RM550 juta Projek Rakyat;
(b) RM420 juta untuk *Rural Transformation Project* (RTP);
(c) RM200 juta untuk *Regional Development Agency*; dan

(d) RM260 juta untuk *Minor Rural Project* (MRP).

Bajet ini saya yakin kebanyakannya adalah untuk kesejahteraan masyarakat luar bandar. Bertuah orang Sarawak. Saya tertarik dengan ungkapan Tuan Speaker, dalam Bahasa Iban lah ya, *bisi jalai, bisi tiang, bisi letrik, bisi air. Mun sik ada jalan, sik adalah tiang, sik ada eletrik, sik ada air*. Jadi di sini, inilah kesannya dalam pembangunan yang telah disediakan oleh pihak Kerajaan yang mana infrastruktur tersebut dirasai oleh rakyat. Dengan adanya jalan, adalah tiang-tiang elektrik menuju ke kawasan kampung, kawasan rumah panjang secara tidak langsung adalah dari segi bekalan air menuju kepada masyarakat-masyarakat sama ada di kampung ataupun di luar bandar. Di sini Kerajaan Sarawak telah menyediakan peruntukan sebanyak RM5.695 bilion atau 63% daripada RM9.038 bilion khas untuk pembangunan luar bandar.

Tuan Speaker, ini sangat jelas menunjukkan bajet ini berkiblatkan ke arah kesejahteraan dan kebajikan masyarakat luar bandar. Saya percaya, usaha murni ini adalah untuk merapatkan jurang keselesaan dan kemakmuran antara bandar dan desa. Memilih GPS adalah pilihan yang tepat, saya berada di rumah GPS. Insya-Allah saya tidak akan mempersia-siakan peluang ini untuk berkhidmat dengan yang terbaik.

Perkara yang menarik mengenai belanjawan ini adalah ia juga memberi fokus kepada golongan remaja dan belia iaitu:

(a) Pemberian baucar kepada pelajar IPT dan IPTS RM500;
(b) Pemberian komputer riba secara percuma;
(c) Bantuan pakaian seragam sekolah dan peralatan sekolah;
(d) Yuran tuisyen percuma; dan
(e) Lain-lain lagi kemudahan.

Berdasarkan pengalaman saya selama 15 tahun dalam berurusan dengan remaja dan belia, saya percaya belanjawan ini mampu membentuk remaja dan belia untuk bersedia berhadapan dengan cabaran dan bakal menjadi pelapis pemimpin di masa hadapan. Ini kerana belanjawan ini, berjaya membentuk jati diri, bersahsiah, dan berilmu untuk anak-anak Sarawak menjadi pemimpin ke arah Wilayah Sarawak yang maju pada tahun 2030. Dalam kepesatan pembangunan Negeri ini, maka kewujudan Rang Undang-undang Ombudsman, adalah penting untuk memastikan pelaksanaan tadbir urus yang terbaik dan diyakini rakyat.

Tuan Speaker, sebagai wakil rakyat DUN Jepak, saya akan melakukan yang terbaik dalam menghadapi pembangunan yang pesat di Bintulu dan yakin Bintulu adalah merupakan bandar penting serta penyumbang ekonomi dan kemakmuran yang telah dirancangkan oleh Negeri Sarawak. Sehubungan dengan itu, menjadi hasrat warga Jepak untuk memohon agar dibina sebuah Institusi Latihan Kemahiran bagi melengkapkan belia Jepak dengan skil yang bersesuaian kebolehpasaran mereka dengan industri yang sediaada atau baru di Bintulu. Ini kerana Bintulu akan menjadi tumpuan bagi industri penyerapan, penggunaan, dan penyimpanan karbon baharu negeri serta penghasilan hidrogen dan bio bahan api yang lain.

I believe, new challenges require or demand for new approach and solution. Iaitu kita perlu bijak untuk mengurus cabaran perdana dengan strategi yang lebih kreatif dan inovatif. Ini mencakupi dengan luas samada menyentuh aspek peluang pekerjaan, pelaburan, dan pekerjaan serta pendidikan sehingga menyentuh aspek kesejahteraan sosial.

Tuan Speaker, saya juga menghargai usaha Kerajaan di bawah pimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier yang berjaya mengambil alih Pelabuhan Bintulu. Impak daripada langkah ini, Bintulu akan bertambah maju dan yakin Kerajaan Sarawak akan berjaya dalam meletakkan Pelabuhan Bintulu setaraf dengan pelabuhan antarabangsa yang lain dengan mengubahnya sebagai hab pengangkutan di rantau Asia Pasifik.

Selain itu, diharap Projek Pembangunan Jepak Jaya akan menjadi bandar lebih progresif dan dinamik. Ini dibuktikan dengan pembinaan Pusat Pentadbiran Bahagian Bintulu yang baharu. Manakala, Jambatan Bintulu-Jepak akan merancakkan lagi pembangunan dan ekonomi di kawasan Jepak. Jepak Jaya akan dibangunkan sebagai pusat komersial yang baharu yang lengkap dengan semua kemudahan asas termasuk perumahan.

Tahun ini merupakan Ulang Tahun Sarawak Merdeka Ke-60 tahun dan seluruh masyarakat Sarawak yang berbilang kaum dan agama seharusnya berbangga kerana telah membina sebuah wilayah majmuk yang harmoni, aman, dan masyarakat yang mesra dan akrab. Saya mewakili warga Jepak dengan tegasnya menolak sekeras-kerasnya segala perlakuan, tindakan, dan unsur-unsur yang menimbulkan kebencian, buruk sangka, fitnah yang melampau dan berbaur perkauman yang tiada tempat di bumi Sarawak ini.

Oleh itu, sama-samalah kita menyemarakkan semangat patriotik, cinta Bumi Kenyalang, Ibu Pertiwi Sarawak sekali gus memperkasakan jati diri, kesetiaan, dan keazaman kita untuk membina Sarawak yang cemerlang dan terbilang di Negara ini. Sebagaimana amanat Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, barisan kepimpinan yang diletakkan di bahu anak Sarawak itu harus diperkasakan agar Negeri ini maju, aman, makmur, serta dikenali masyarakat serantau dan dunia luar.

Tuan Speaker, akhir kata, sekali lagi saya ucapkan tahniah di atas profesionalisme dan kebijaksanaan dalam mengendalikan sesi Dewan yang mulia ini. Saya doakan semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dalam Dewan ini, semua warga kerja Kerajaan Negeri Sarawak dan masyarakat di luar sana, sentiasa di bawah rahmat Allah S.W.T. Di sini juga saya ingin mengambil kesempatan untuk mengucapkan selamat menyambut Hari Krismas dan Tahun Baru kepada semua.

Sebelum menamatkan ucapan perbahasan saya pada pagi ini, suka saya mengingatkan semua dengan pantun dan amanat arwah Tok Nan.

Nyiur gading puncak mahligai,
Sayang ketupat berisik inti,
Hancur badan tulang berkecai,
Belum dapat belum ku berhenti.

Jaga Sarawak tok bait-bait,
sapa gik mun sik kita orang Sarawak empun jaganya.

Arah hati sayang yang tulus
Demi rasa marak sembilu
Darah GPS dicincang tak putus
Demi bangsa Sarawak didahului.

Sekian. Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker.

Tuan Speaker: That was the maiden speech from the newly elected Honourable Member for Jepak. Now, I call upon the Honourable Member for Daro.

YB Encik Safiee bin Haji Ahmad: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam Sejahtera, Salam Sarawakku Sayang dan Salam Begulai Sejalai.

Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana telah memberi peluang kepada saya untuk mengambil bahagian dalam perbahasan Rang Undang-undang Pembekalan (2024), 2023 yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru, Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar, Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar, dan Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri N.26 Gedong, pada 20 November 2023 yang lalu.

Sebelum saya meneruskan perbahasan saya, terlebih dahulu izinkan saya untuk merakamkan setinggi-tjnggi penghargaan dan tahniah kepada Tuan Speaker di atas pelantikan semula sebagai Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri Sarawak. Semoga Allah SWT. melimpahkan kebaikan dan rahmatNya kepada Tuan Speaker untuk meneruskan kecemerlangan dalam mentadbir dan memimpin Dewan yang mulia ini.

Tuan Speaker, Alhamdulillah, terlebih dahulu sama-samalah kita menzahirkan rasa kesyukuran kepada Allah SWT di atas izin dan inayahNya juga Negeri kita telah dianugerahkan kemakmuran dan kesejahteraan yang berpanjangan di bawah kepimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, atas komitmen, kebijaksanaan dan kepimpinan yang cemerlang beliau serta barisan Kabinet Sarawak kita yang berpandangan jauh telah dapat meningkatkan pendapatan kepada Negeri kita saban tahun, iaitu pada tahun ini, Sarawak telah merekodkan sejarah memperolehi pendapatan tertinggi dianggarkan RM12,718 juta setakat ini sehingga mendapat pengiktirafan oleh Bank Dunia sebagai salah sebuah negeri yang berpendapatan tinggi**.** Perkara ini tidak akan dapat dicapai tanpa komitmen dan kerja keras khususnya Yang Amat Berhormat Premier dan Kerajaan GPS yang tidak kenal erti penat dan lelah sentiasa berusaha untuk membangun dan memajukan Negeri Sarawak yang kita sayangi ini agar Negeri dan rakyatnya terus maju dan makmur.

Tuan Speaker, apa yang menggembirakan kita segala hasil pendapatan negeri yang diperolehi ini telah sedaya upaya diurus serta dikembalikan kepada semua rakyat dengan melaksanakan pelbagai projek pembangunan, inisiatif-inisiatif serta program-program yang dapat meningkatkan taraf hidup, sosioekonomi dan kesejahteraan rakyat. Bajet 2024 yang bertemakan, *"Development for All: Together, Building A Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak",* membuktikan keikhlasan dan kesungguhan Kerajaan GPS membangun dan memajukan Negeri ini serta memastikan tidak ada mana-mana lapisan rakyat yang terpinggir daripada bajet ini. Bajet yang mengekalkan *development bias* telah memperuntukkan pertambahan sebanyak RM1,532 juta ataupun 20% iaitu dari RM7,506 juta pada tahun 2023 kepada RM9,038 juta pada tahun 2024 ini. Daripada peruntukan pembangunan ini, sebanyak RM5,695 juta atau 63% adalah memberi fokus kepada menyediakan infrastruktur asas dan perkhidmatan dengan menambah baik kemudahan dan *connectivity* yang boleh meningkatkan pertumbuhan ekonomi dan pembangunan di luar bandar.

Tuan Speaker, saya berdiri di sini mewakili seluruh rakyat di kawasan N.43 Daro ingin merakamkan rasa bangga, setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada Kerajaan GPS dibawah kepimpinan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier yang telah melaksanakan langkah dan usaha meluluskan bajet yang meletakkan kesejahteraan dan kemakmuran rakyat khususnya di luar bandar termasuk kami di kawasan DUN Daro. Harapan kita semoga pelaksanaan projek-projek dan program-program pembangunan yang telah diluluskan oleh Kerajaan ini dapat dilaksanakan sebaik yang mungkin oleh agensi-agensi Kerajaan yang terlibat agar matlamat murni Kerajaan dalam bajet ini dapat dinikmati dan memberi faedah kepada rakyat.

Tuan Speaker, sekarang izinkan saya untuk menyentuh beberapa isu spesifik yang melibatkan kawasan saya di N.43 Daro yang memerlukan perhatian Dewan yang mulia ini. Diharap Kementerian, Jabatan, dan Agensi yang berkenaan dapat mengambil perhatian dan tindakan yang sewajarnya.

Masalah Hakisan di SK Batang Lassa, Daro

Tuan Speaker, masalah ini pernah saya kemukakan di dalam Dewan yang mulia ini. Alhamdulillah, selepas isu ini dibangkitkan telah mendapat perhatian daripada Ketua Pengarah Pendidikan Malaysia sendiri di mana satu lawatan bersama dengan Pengarah Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak dan pegawai yang berkenaan di SK Batang Lassa, Daro telah diadakan pada 1 Ogos 2023 yang lepas. Hasil daripada lawatan tersebut, satu keputusan penyelesaian bagi isu ini untuk jangka pendek telah dipersetujui dengan membina bangunan sekolah sementara yang berkonsepkan kabin di tapak baharu yang telah dikenal pasti bagi membolehkan pelajar yang belajar di sekolah

berkenaan berpindah ke tempat yang lebih selamat. Walau bagaimanapun, sehingga kini saya masih lagi belum dapat perkembangan terkini tentang keputusan ini.

Sehubungan itu, sekali lagi saya merayu kepada Kementerian Pelajaran atau Pendidikan Malaysia dan Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak supaya tindakan yang segera perlu dilaksanakan memandangkan masalah hakisan yang berlaku setiap hari semakin merisaukan.

Memperkasakan Peranan dan Fungsi Pegawai Pendidikan Daerah

Tuan Speaker, usaha Kerajaan negeri yang begitu mengambil berat dalam memartabatkan sektor pendidikan di Sarawak ini amatlah memerlukan kerjasama dari semua pihak khususnya Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia kerana kita sedia maklum kebanyakan sekolah-sekolah di Sarawak in amat memerlukan bantuan segera bagi memperbaiki dan menyediakan prasarana untuk kemudahan anak-anak kita menjalani proses pembelajaran yang kondusif dan selesa. Walaupun kita sedia maklum sektor pendidikan ini merupakan di bawah bidang kuasa Kerajaan Persekutuan, namun, sebagai wakil rakyat sepertimana yang tunjukkan sendiri oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier di atas keprihatinan beliau dalam isu ini. Pihak kita berusaha membuat yang terbaik membantu bukan sahaia memperbaiki prasarana yang perlu dinaik taraf malah turut juga berusaha untuk membina beberapa kemudahan prasarana yang lain seperti dewan, bilik darjah, asrama, jeti, titian, padang serta gelanggang sukan dan lain-lain lagi melalui peruntukan RTP.

Walau bagaimanapun, kita menghadapi kekangan dalam melaksanakan usaha ini kerana untuk melaksanakannya perlu melalui banyak birokrasi dan segala kelulusan hanya dapat diperolehi di peringkat Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak atau Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia sahaja. Oleh itu, saya ingin menyarankan supaya Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia dan Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak melihat dan mengkaji balik beberapa proses dan prosedur kerja dalam usaha untuk memudahkan dalam membantu kita memartabatkan sektor pendidikan demi masa depan anak-anak kita di Sarawak ini supaya beberapa perkara dan bidang kuasa hendaklah diteliti semula dan diturunkan kuasa kepada Pegawai Pendidikan Daerah sahaja.

Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia perlu yakin dan percaya kepada kewibawaan dan keupayaan Pegawai Pendidikan Daerah bagi membuat keputusan khususnya yang melibatkan sekolah-sekolah di bawah pentadbiran Pegawai Pendidikan Daerah kerana mereka lebih mengetahui tentang keadaan dan keperluan sekolah-sekolah di bawah pentadbiran mereka dengan dibantu oleh Guru Besar atau Pengetua di sekolah berkenaan. Begitu juga dengan beberapa penurunan kuasa pentadbiran yang lain termasuk penempatan guru-guru, penurunan kuasa kepada Pegawai Pendidikan Daerah untuk mengurus perkara ini melalui garis panduan yang jelas yang telah disediakan oleh pihak Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia hendaklah dilaksanakan agar kelewatan menunggu kelulusan daripada Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia atau Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Sarawak dapat diatasi. Langkah ini sudah pasti dapat menjimatkan masa dan kos.

Rumah SPEKTRA Permata

Tuan Speaker, salah satu perkara yang menjadi harapan dan impian rakyat khususnya bagi golongan B40 dan M40 adalah memiliki rumah kediaman mampu milik yang selesa. Untuk kawasan Daro setakat ini, sebanyak 50 unit Rumah Spektra Permata telah diluluskan di Skim Pembesaran Kampung (SPK) Kampung Badong yang telah dimulakan dengan membina 28 unit RSP terlebih dahulu. Projek ini telah dilancarkan pelaksanaannya oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier pada 23 Oktober 2022 iaitu tahun lepas.

Sehubungan itu, saya berharap pihak HDC dimana Pengerusinya yang duduk di sebelah saya ini sepatutnya tadi dapat mempercepatkan pelaksanaan projek ini kerana saya sering didatangi oleh rakyat khususnya mereka yang telah mengisi borang permohonan bertanya bila lagi projek tersebut akan siap sepertimana yang telah dilaksanakan di kawasan dan daerah yang lain.

Klinik Kesihatan Daro

Tuan Speaker, salah satu projek yang amat-amat dinantikan oleh masyarakat Daro adalah pembinaan Klinik Kesihatan Daro yang baharu bagi menggantikan Klinik Kesihatan lama yang telah terbakar pada tahun 2015. Kerja-kerja menembok tapak bagi projek ini telah lama siap dan saya telah dimaklumkan bahawa projek Klinik Kesihatan Daro yang bernilai RM35 juta telah pun diluluskan beberapa tahun yang lalu. Walau bagaimanapun, ia belum dapat dilaksanakan kerana reka bentuk belum lagi dimuktamadkan di antara agensi pelaksana dan Kementerian Kesihatan. Perkara yang merisaukan saya, kelewatan ini bukan sahaja menjejaskan peluang rakyat menikmati kemudahan kesihatan di Klinik Kesihatan yang lengkap dan selesa, malah boleh menyebabkan kos pembinaannya turut meningkat disebabkan oleh kenaikan harga bahan binaan dan kenaikan kadar SOR dari semasa ke semasa.

Akhirnya projek ini nanti akan tertangguh lagi pelaksanaannya disebabkan peruntukan yang sedia ada iaitu RM30 juta tersebut tidak lagi mencukupi untuk melaksanakan projek ini pada masa ini. Oleh itu, saya memohon agar pihak yang berkenaan dapat menyegerakan pelaksanaannya supaya masalah-masalah yang saya bangkitkan tadi dapat dielakkan daripada berlaku.

Projek Sakit

Tuan Speaker, di kawasan saya mempunyai dua buah projek sakit yang bukan sahaja projek itu sakit, malah telah menyakiti hati rakyat di kedua-dua kawasan ini. Projek yang saya maksudkan ialah, pertamanya, Jalan Sungai Passin ke Kampung Jemoreng, Daerah Matu, Bahagian Mukah di mana kontraktor bagi projek ini telah pun ditamatkan kontraknya pada 9 Ogos 2022. Walaupun kontrak projek ini telah ditamatkan lebih daripada setahun yang lalu, tetapi belum dipastikan sama ada akan diteruskan atau disambung semula kerja-kerja pelaksanaannya. Begitu juga dengan Projek Menaik Taraf Jalan Bawang Assan, Tanjung Manis, Sungai Illas, Kampung Sebena, Fasa II, Daerah Meradong, Bahagian Sarikei. Saya juga dimaklumkan bahawa kontraktor bagi projek ini juga telah ditamatkan.

Tuan Speaker, kedua-dua projek ini merupakan Projek Rakyat Yang Berhormat Premier iaitu kelulusannya telah pun diumumkan pada 7 Ogos 2018 iaitu lima tahun yang lalu. Keadaan ini amat membimbangkan saya selaku Wakil Rakyat di kawasan ini kerana ia turut memberi impak negatif kepada kepercayaan rakyat terhadap Kerajaan. Rakyat di kedua-dua kawasan ini amat berasa kecewa dan marah kerana penduduk disini amat mengharapkan pelaksanaan kedua-dua projek tersebut menjadi kenyataan kerana kedua-dua penempatan ini sehingga kepada hari ini hanya bergantung kepada pengangkutan sungai untuk ke bandar-bandar yang berdekatan. Perkara yang lebih menyulitkan mereka sekarang ini adalah perkhidmatan pengangkutan sungai menggunakan bot ekspres bukan sahaja telah berkurangan malah ada laluan yang tertentu sudah tiada lagi perkhidmatan yang disediakan. Ini semakin menyukarkan kehidupan mereka terutamanya untuk keluar ke bandar-bandar bukan sahaja untuk membeli bekalan makanan harian malah bagi urusan penghantaran anak-anak ke sekolah dan untuk mendapat perkhidmatan rawatan perubatan. Oleh itu, Tuan Speaker, saya sekali lagi merayu memohon ihsan dan simpati Kerajaan khususnya Kementerian dan Jabatan yang berkenaan, tolonglah untuk memastikan kedua-dua projek ini dapat diteruskan pelaksanaannya dan dapat disiapkan secepat yang mungkin.

Rural Transformation Projects (RTP)

Tuan Speaker, salah satu projek yang telah memberi impak yang amat besar kepada kesejahteraan rakyat khususnya masyarakat di luar bandar adalah projek *Rural Transformation Projects (RTP)*. Tidak dinafikan semenjak projek ini dilaksanakan pada tahun 2015 yang lalu, ianya telah banyak mengubah landskap dan infrastruktur di kampung-kampung dan rumah-rumah panjang di luar bandar. Walau bagaimanapun, sejak pelaksanaannya lapan tahun yang lalu, jadual kadar harga ataupun *Schedule of Rate* (SOR) yang baharu dengan kenaikan sekitar 30% pada tahun ini yang disebabkan oleh kenaikan harga bahan binaan, didapati ianya mengurangkan jumlah projek yang dapat dilaksanakan berbanding dengan tahun-tahun sebelumnya. Sehubungan dengan itu,

memandangkan pendapatan Negeri kita semakin bertambah, saya ingin sekali lagi memohon agar Kerajaan Sarawak mempertimbangkan kenaikan peruntukan RTP sekurang-kurangnya dari RM5 juta sekarang kepada RM7 juta setahun, untuk memastikan momentum pembangunan infrastruktur di kampung-kampung dan rumah-rumah panjang di luar bandar dapat terus dikekalkan demi memastikan kesejahteraan dan keselesaan rakyat dapat dilaksanakan.

Peruntukan MARRIS

Tuan Speaker, Projek Penyelenggaraan dan Projek Naik Taraf Jalan di bawah peruntukan MARRIS yang dilaksanakan oleh pihak berkuasa tempatan merupakan salah satu projek yang berimpak tinggi bukan sahaja menaik taraf jalan supaya lebih selamat malah turut meningkatkan keceriaan kawasan pekan atau bandar yang berkenaan. Bagi kawasan Daro, Majlis Daerah Matu dan Daro (MDMD) adalah agensi pelaksana untuk Projek MARRIS yang merangkumi tiga buah daerah iaitu Daerah Matu, Daerah Daro, Daerah Tanjung Manis dan sebuah Daerah Kecil iaitu Igan. Pada tahun 2023, MDMD telah memohon peruntukan sebanyak RM10.395 juta, namun, hanya diluluskan RM4.7 juta sahaja untuk penyelenggaraan jalan-jalan di tiga buah daerah dan sebuah daerah kecil ini. Sehubungan itu, saya selaku wakil rakyat kawasan Daro memohon agar peruntukan MARRIS untuk kawasan ini dapat ditambah pada tahun 2024 ini nanti dan begitu juga tahun-tahun berikutnya.

Memajukan Sektor Pertanian Luar Bandar

Tuan Speaker, sektor pertanian merupakan satu perkara yang begitu sinonim dengan rakyat di luar bandar. Oleh itu, usaha Kerajaan untuk memperkasakan sektor pertanian amatlah dialu-alukan termasuk pembinaan stesen-stesen pertanian di luar bandar. Saya mencadangkan agar fungsi atau peranan Stesen Pertanian di luar-luar bandar diperkasakan khususnya dalam memberi khidmat nasihat, bimbingan, tunjuk ajar, menyelia, dan menyelaras segala aktiviti dan Program Pembangunan Pertanian kepada penduduk luar bandar bagi menarik minat rakyat terutamanya belia untuk menceburi bidang pertanian moden. Walau bagaimanapun, perkara yang saya perhatikan, beberapa stesen pertanian di luar bandar khususnya kawasan saya seperti Stesen Pertanian Nanga Semah telah tidak berfungsi seperti sebelumnya untuk sekian lama. Begitu juga dengan Stesen Pertanian Nanga Singat yang baru dibina; tidak ada pegawai khusus yang mencukupi untuk melaksanakan operasi secara berkesan.

Selain itu, peranan Pertubuhan Peladang Kawasan (PPK) perlu diperkasakan kerana didapati ada PPK kurang berjaya malah ada yang gagal berfungsi dengan baik. Satu usaha yang drastik dan berani memperkenal dan melaksanakan "*Business Model*" yang baharu perlu dilaksanakan agar PPK lebih berdaya saing dan berjaya. Dengan adanya PPK yang berjaya, sudah pasti turut membantu ahlinya yang terdiri daripada para petani mengembangkan nilai tambah ke atas kepelbagaian produk-produk pertanian sekali gus mempertingkatkan penghasilan produk pertanian sejajar dengan usaha Kerajaan Sarawak menjadi Sarawak sebagai pengeluar dan pengeksport makanan utama negara. Dalam hal ini saya juga, ingin mencadangkan supaya program seperti *Agriculture Facilitation Fund* (AFF) yang didapati berkesan yang telah dilaksanakan sebelum ini khususnya bagi membantu pekebun-pekebun kecil dengan peruntukan RM1 juta untuk satu-satu kawasan DUN dapat diteruskan lagi.

Mewartakan Water Catchment Area

Bekalan air bersih di Daerah Daro dan Matu adalah bergantung kepada Loji Air Terawat Jemoreng. Oleh itu, untuk memastikan bekalan air yang mencukupi sepanjang masa serta keselamatan ari terjamin, kawasan hutan di kawasan ini yang telah dikenali sebagai Sungai Selai Inah seluas 845 hektar hendaklah segera diwartakan sebagai Hutan Simpan Kekal supaya ianya terus berfungsi sebagai "*water catchment area*" untuk membekalkan air ke Loji Air Terawat Jemoreng.

Memperkasa Perkhidmatan Awam

Tuan Speaker, keberkesanan dan kecekapan pelaksanaan dasar program dan projek Kerajaan adalah bergantung kepada jentera Kerajaan Perkhidmatan Awam. Gelombang pembangunan yang semakin rancak berlaku di Negeri ini dengan pelaksanaan pelbagai jenis projek seperti RTP, Projek-projek Rancangan Malaysia, Projek-projek Rakyat, Projek-projek yang di bawah agensi-agensi pembangunan yang lain-lain lagi menuntut keupayaan penjawat awam sebagai jentera pentadbiran Kerajaan yang mantap, komited, dan berkompetensi tinggi. Dalam hal ini, saya ingin mencadangkan supaya satu usaha mengkaji termasuk melaksanakan "*Reform*" dalam struktur Perkhidmatan Awam Negeri, khususnya, perlu dilaksanakan secara selaras dengan tuntutan dan perkembangan semasa. Sekiranya, usaha ini tidak dilaksanakan adalah dikhuatiri ia boleh menjejaskan prestasi dan motivasi di kalangan penjawat awam.

Memantapkan Peranan Jawatankuasa Kemajuan dan Keselamatan Kampung (JKKK)

Tuan Speaker, salah satu jentera pentadbiran di peringkat akar umbi yang boleh membantu usaha Kerajaan untuk menjadikan Negeri ini sebagai negeri maju menjelang tahun 2030 adalah JKKK. Meskipun diakui pelbagai usaha untuk menambah baik dan memperkasakan peranan dan fungsi JKKK ini dengan menyalurkan peruntukan serta inisiatif menyediakan pembayaran elaun kepada Setiausaha dan menyediakan elaun mesyuarat kepada Ahli-ahli JKKK, namun, satu modul latihan dan pendidikan bagi memperkasakan peranan dan fungsi JKKK ini hendaklah dirangka dan disediakan supaya institusi JKKK ini dapat dimantapkan selaras dengan hasrat Kerajaan.

Untuk makluman Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat dalam Dewan yang mulia ini, sebenarnya, JKKK kita di Sarawak ini amat bertuah kerana setiap kali mereka mengadakan mesyuarat, ahlinya akan dibayar elaun sebanyak RM50 seorang walaupun mesyuarat tersebut diadakan kurang daripada satu jam. Kadar elaun ini adalah sama dengan yang Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat terima dalam sehari semasa menghadiri Mesyuarat atau Persidangan Dewan Undangan Negeri walaupun persidangannya kita dari pukul 9.00 pagi sampai pukul 10.30 malam kadarnya tetap juga RM50.

Timbalan Speaker: Yang Berhormat bagi Daro, you wind up. Your time is up.

YB Encik Safiee bin Haji Ahmad: I am finishing, Tuan Speaker. Oleh itu, seperti yang telah saya syorkan sebelum ini dalam Dewan yang mulia ini, harap-harap Tuan Speaker lihat-lihatlah juga kadar elaun kita yang telah tidak berubah sejak 43 tahun yang lalu agar tarafnya tinggilah sikit daripada JKKK.

Penutup

Sebagai penutup, Tuan Speaker, sebelum saya mengakhiri ucapan saya, dengan ini saya mengambil kesempatan untuk mengucapkan selamat menyambut Hari Krismas kepada rakan-rakan dan taulan yang meraikannya dan Selamat Tahun Baru kepada semua. Semoga tahun 2024 nanti membawa lebih rahmat dan berkat kepada kita semua. Saya akhiri perbahasan saya dengan tiga rangkap pantun:

Terbang riang, si rama-rama,
Hinggap bersantai, di pohon kurma;
Terima kasih Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, yang bijak saksama,
Belanjawan 2024, Pembangunan luar bandar fokus utama.

Fajar menyinsing, di waktu pagi,
Hidangan pipus dan tumpik panas, untuk sarapan;
Menjana ekonomi, Negeri berpendapatan tinggi,
Sarawak maju Makmur, Manifestasi masa hadapan.

Daun selasih, di tepi dulang,
Dulang berisi, sirih pinang;
Terima kasih petugas DUN, bertugas cemerlang,
Tahniah Tan Sri Speaker, mengendali siding dengan gemilang.

Dengan itu, Tuan Speaker, saya sukacitanya menyokong sepenuhnya Rang Undang-undang Perbekalan (2024), 2023. Sekian, Wabillahitaufiq Walhidayah Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Ta'ala dan terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Waalaikumsalam, terima kasih. May I call upon the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Padungan.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Thank you, Tuan Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to participate in the debate for the Budget 2024. I have several issues to highlight here in my debate.

Issue No. 1: Sarawak Household Income

Despite all the hype by the GPS Government about how rich Sarawak is, the largest, the latest data from the Department of Statistic Malaysia (DoSM) shows that both the mean and median household income of Sarawakians are below par compared to the other 12 states and three territories in Malaysia.

According to the DoSM figures for the year 2022, Sarawak's mean household income was RM6,457 while the national average was RM8,479. Sarawak's mean household income ranked 10th out of the 13 states and three *Wilayah Persekutuan*.

(a) Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan, no, Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya topped the figure with RM13,473 mean household income followed by;
(b) Kuala Lumpur, RM13,473;
(c) Selangor, RM12,233;
(d) Johor, RM8,517;
(e) Penang, RM8,267;
(f) Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan, RM8,250;
(g) Melaka, RM8,057;
(h) Terengganu, RM7,248; and
(i) Negeri Sembilan, RM6,788.

The medium income, the medium, that is the mean household income. The median household income which represents the largest group of Sarawakian families' income level was even much lower at RM4,978.

In fact, in an answer given by the Special Function Minister in Parliament in July 2022, Sarawak has more than 97,000 households living in poverty, with 40,000 of them living in hardcore poverty category. In June, the Economic Affairs Minister, Mustapa Mohamed, revealed that Sabah and Sarawak were among the states that had the highest increase in poverty rates.

It is an irony that in the face of such high poverty rates amongst Sarawak households, yet the State boasted of the 4th highest GDP State in Malaysia. The only conclusion to this abnormal "*Rich State, Poor People*" phenomena is that the riches of the State did not benefit the common people in the streets.

Therefore, while the Ministers are chauffeured in their expensive posh imported cars, some with outriders escorting, you should be thinking more about how to use your position to enrich the people in general.

Issue No. 2: Insufficient Federal Funding

In the Premier's speech in the tabling of the Budget 2024, he complained that Sarawak will only be given RM5.8 billion development fund from the Federal Government for 2024, which represents only 6.4% of the Total Federal Development Budget of RM90 billion for 2024, and thus it's highly insufficient for the development needs of the State.

My question is, why sulk over the insufficient funds in the Dewan when the GPS has a Deputy Prime Minister amongst the five Federal Ministers and six Deputy Ministers in the Federal Government? Did they make any demands or statement in the Federal cabinet meetings? Have they not brought the matter up in the cabinet meetings? If so, what was the reason given by the Prime Minister for the low percentage of the development allocation given to Sarawak? We want an answer. Issue No. 3 *…(Interruption)…*

Timbalan Speaker: Yang Berhormat, are you addressing that question to any particular Member of this House?

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Yes, the Premier.

Timbalan Speaker: Because that is…*(Interruption)*…

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Yes, I am addressing the Premier because the GPS Federal Minister should be reporting to the Premier on what they have done in the Federal Cabinet.

Timbalan Speaker:…(*Inaudible)…* that is quite unfair for the Federal Government.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Ya. Have they raised that question?

Issue No. 3: Land Lease Renewal Problem

Last sitting, I raised the issue about agricultural land having a few residential houses and their application for Lease Hold Extension was rejected. And the Honourable Deputy Premier, Honourable Member for Bukit Sari had informed the House that the Sarawak Land and Survey will renew these land leases provided that all the houses are residential houses.

However, despite the promise by the Deputy Premier, the officers of the Land and Survey are very slow in approving these applications for the land lease renewal. If my recollection did not serve me wrong, previously, it was mentioned that any land lease application will be approved within one month by the Land and Survey if there is no issue about it.

So, why is it such a long delay despite the promise by the Deputy Premier, that you know, for any particular plot of agricultural land despite there are several residential houses? Their applications for the land lease renewal are still slow to come by for the approval. Is still slow to come by. It seems that the officers are not following the queue of what had been said in this Dewan Rakyat. I hope that the Minister can address this issue and resolve the problem.

Issue No. 4: Land Re-categorization Exercise

Tuan Speaker, in last year June, the Land and Survey did the recategorization of a land in the State and many of the previously rural area lands were classified as town land. And the justification or reasoning given by the Deputy Premier for that re-categorization is that we have made progress, and many areas have now had a better, no. Many areas, the land prices have gone up. But if you really go to the grounds, go to the grounds, and inspect those lands there are many lands where there is no proper drain system, no proper drainage system, no proper roads, to the extent that even the rubbish collection truck of the Municipal Councils cannot access to the land and yet they are

being categorize as town land. How can a town land not even have proper access? And many of these lands do not even have an access road to the lands.

Therefore, I urge that the Government do a re-reclassification of these lands. Because the problem is that, for the renewal of land lease of this land, especially for agriculture land. If it was categorized as town land, the renewal rate is RM5,000 per acre. If it is under the previous year, what is it called, rural area land or country land, the renewal land lease rate is RM250 per acre. So, by a stroke of a pen, the Government has increased, literally increased those affected lands, the renewal premium from RM250 to RM5,000 per acre.

Yes, their land may, the price of their land may have increased but to many of them, if you don't sell your land, it is just a paper value. So, they still have to struggle to find cash for the payment of the land lease renewal. Therefore, I urge this Government to be kind to the people, especially to the farmers who do not have cash. They may be, they may have huge plots of land, but they do not have the cash to pay for the renewal of their lease hold.

Timbalan Speaker: Yang Berhormat, it is quite general that you give all this kind of statement. If you can be fair enough to give a bit of any example…*(Interruption)…*

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Yes, I have *... (Interruption)…*

Timbalan Speaker: *... (Inaudible)...* so that it will be *... (Inaudible)...* of response from the Government.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Yes, I have personally gone to the grounds to visit this land in Batu Kawah area, Kim Chu Shin, Sin San Tu, even the Sejijak. So, literally they are surrounded in a country land, country area environment. There is no, some of them do not even have trucks, rubbish truck services to their door. They have to everyday, they have to bring their rubbish out to the, about one or two kilometers out to the main road where the Trienekens has place huge rubbish *tong*, rubbish bins for collection in the area. So, those lands, how can you classify it as town land? It just doesn't make sense.

Issue No. 5: Traffic Jam Problem

Tuan Speaker, there is a traffic jam issue or problem is getting worse in Kuching, particularly the Kuching-Samarahan Road, the Penrissen Road, Mile 7, Mile 8, Mile 10 even lower Mile 3 to Mile 10. Jalan Tun Razak, Jalan Tun Jugah, and even the Batu Kawah Road, Desa Wira area. All these areas, there are huge, massive jam and is, the problem is not getting any better. So, this is directly under the purview of the Ministry of Public Health, Housing and Local Government who is in charge of all the Municipal Councils who are supposed to come out with some traffic plan, proper master traffic plan to ease the traffic jam. You just can't sit there and do nothing and let the problem get worse and thereafter try to resolve it on a piecemeal basis.

So, well the fact is that this problem is getting worse. It shows that the Minister is not doing his job and he's very famous for *tengok saja*. So, I urge that you know that *tengok* attitude be changed otherwise maybe the Minister be changed with someone who is more competent in the job. And,

Issue No. 6: Murky Water

Lately, as of late, I have received a lot of complaints that the water from the tap in the Kuching area, Desa Wira also, Kenyalang Park, Bintawa, many a time the residents find that murky water are coming out from their taps. And also, the last, in the last month I received complaints, five complaints within a month from the residents of Semaba for the interrupted water supply because the water pipe had burst. The reason given by the Kuching Water Board is that the water pipe is already too old, about 30, 40 years even longer than that, and they cannot withstand the pressure of the water.

Therefore, I urge the Government to improve those facilities and then to allocate sufficient funds to overhaul the old pipes serving the Kuching area.

Issue No. 7: State-Owned International School in Sarawak

I am glad to note that finally the State Government has finally embarked on the project of the State-Owned International School in Sarawak. The idea of the State-Owned International School or Private School was first mooted and proposed by DAP Sarawak by myself in this Dewan. Back in 2015 on 8th December 2015, I moved on a Motion in this House for the State Government to allocate 10% of this in the then State Government expenditure budget be allocated for the development of the State private education system with English as a medium of instruction and to set up at operate private school's with English as a medium of instruction and provide free education for the students studying in these school. You can check in the Hansard on the 8th of December 2015.

That was the first time anyone ever suggested the State Government runs private school use English as a medium of instruction and provide free enrolment for the students. At that time, Tuan Speaker, as usual, find all excuses to reject my Motion. One of the reasons given was that the matter is a Federal matter under the Federal List. Yet today despite the findings, that the findings or the ruling by the Speaker that it is a Federal matter, the State Government has now undertaken the matter. While I am glad to note that six years after we have first suggested this idea of "*State-owned Private School*", …(*Interruption*)…

Timbalan Speaker: Alright, Ahli Yang Berhormat.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: The State Government finally embarked on the implementation of the idea… (*Interruption*)…

Timbalan Speaker: Hold on, Ahli Yang Berhormat.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Yes?

Timbalan Speaker: You are referring to a Motion which there was a ruling by …(*Interruption*)…

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: By the Speaker?

Timbalan Speaker: I think to be fair probably you might not have the need to quote that particular Motion for the purpose of bolstering your debate but then I think you must also acknowledge it. Time has run, *ya*, since then a lot of water has passed under the bridge and things are not the same.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Nevermind, things may not be the same.

Timbalan Speaker: I don't know what is your motive.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Nevermind, let me go to what I will be talking about. I am not just here to claim credit. Alright?

Tuan Speaker, also the interruption, give me extended time, please. When I am glad to note that six years after we have first suggested this idea of "*State-owned Private School*", the State Government finally embarked on the implementation of the idea, however, I regret that the State Government is only putting a very minimal effort into such endeavour.

According to the Premier in his Budget speech, the first Stated-owned International School in Sarawak has entered its 2nd year of operation with 178 students. The second international school will only be in operation in 2025. For next year, only a budget of RM16 million was allocated for this purpose.

Such token effort and amount out of the allocation will not make any impact to improve the general education standard of the State but more for window dressing purpose. I therefore call upon the State Government to multiply its efforts and allocation and set up a target of at least 10 State-owned international schools to be up and in operation within the next three years.

Issue No. 8: Proposed Sale of 1000 MW Clean Electricity to Singapore

I wish to state categorically my stand in opposing this proposed sale of 1000 MW of clean energy to Singapore or Semenanjung Malaysia. As indicated by the Minister for Utility and Telecommunication in May Sitting, Sarawak Energy's generation capacity was 5,745 Megawatts and the demand is 4,627 MW with the projection that by 2028, the generation capacity will increase to 8,240 MW while demand will increase to 6,460 MW.

With that ratio of power generation and demand, how will Sarawak be able to supply the 1000 MW outside Sarawak given that we must also maintain a reserve margin and that the recommended reserve margin by the International Energy Agency (IEA) is about 20% to 35% of the demand? Therefore, if we were to sell 1000 MW to Singapore or Semenanjung, we will not have that comfortable reserve margin and without that reserve margin, you'll have more interruption to your electricity supply.

More importantly, Tuan Speaker, the proposed sale of energy to Singapore would be clean energy. Clean energy is now a very important and valuable commodity to a lot of industries and a lot of global companies are looking for clean energy so that they can get a clean energy certificate for their products and that will fetch more value to their products given the environmentally more conscious communities internationally.

I would suggest that Sarawak Energy Berhad or SESCo to issue clean energy certificates to our industries, our local industries who are doing export business or exporting their products so that their products can be more competitive and fetch higher price internationally and that we can comply with the international demand for clean energy certificate rather than selling the clean energy to Singapore or West Malaysia who will be the competitors to our local industrial entrepreneurs. Therefore, if the slogan of, "*Sarawak First*" is truly practise, the first priority should be supplying clean energy to our local entrepreneurs, local industries, and local exporters. Therefore, that is the reason why I oppose to the sale of clean energy to Singapore or even to West Malaysia and I hope the Government can see the sense and agree to that and stop the negotiation to proceed further.

My last issue, Tuan Speaker, would be in relation to our budget document and I will conclude after that. Tuan Speaker, if you go to Command Paper No. 11 of 2023 and on the first page looking at the Operating Expenditure, I am puzzled by the figure that is shown thereon which is Total Operating Expenditure of RM12,363,434,341 whereas in the Budget Speech of the Right Honourable Premier is stated in page 11 of our Hansard for Monday, stated that, I quote, *"The 2024 State Budget proposes a Total Ordinary Expenditure of RM12,363 billion of which RM4,563 million or RM4.563 billion is for Operating Expenditure while RM7.8 billion is for appropriations to the Development Fund Account to finance various development programmes and projects".*

Tuan Speaker, given that RM12,363 billion appearing in the Operating Expenditure part of our budget document here which is Command Paper No. 11 of 2023, the total expenditure as indicated in this budget document is RM21,401,080,247. I have also taken the trouble to check with the previous budget document also Command Paper No. 11 for Budget 2021 and tallied it with the Budget Speech of the Premier then the figure just can't be tallied, the figure just can't be tallied. At that time of 2021, the Operating Expenditure was only RM3.83 billion. How is it that after two years, the Operating Expenditure has ballooned to RM12,363 billion? I believe there must be some mistakes or that there has been a change of the budget preparing procedure. So, I wish to seek clarification from the Finance Minister to explain that, otherwise we will have a Total Expenditure of RM21.4 billion which will make this budget, a huge deficit budget.

Timbalan Speaker: You can close now, Yang Berhormat.

YB Encik Chong Chieng Jen: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. With those issues mentioned, I have several other issues, but I will leave it for another day. Thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: I would like to call upon the Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Tupong, please.

YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman: Bismillahirahmannirahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker, kerana memberi ruang kepada saya untuk *debate for the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023*. Sekali lagi, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera dan Salam Sarawakku Sayang. Tuan Speaker, I welcome the tabling…(*Interruption*)…

Timbalan Speaker: Just Timbalan Speaker, will do.

YB Encik Fazzrudin bin Haji Abdul Rahman: Tuan Speaker, I welcome the tabling of the 2024 State Budget by the Right Honourable Premier on Monday which is the largest budget thus far with an amount of RM12.363 billion and more importantly, a surplus budget. This speaks volumes to the financial capability of the Sarawak Government now bolstered by various revenue sources. I believe, credit must be given where it is due and for this, the credit must go to the Right Honourable Premier for his farsightedness and his approach to developing Sarawak's economy.

We are seeing tremendous growth unlike anything we have seen before where Sarawak's projected revenue for this year will be our highest ever at RM12.7 billion. The recognition by the World Bank to Sarawak as a high-income State has only validated our strategies and showed that the Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) Government were right all along. This shows that our economy is on the right track and that our digitalisation efforts, our push for green economy and environmental sustainability is in line with the global trend.

Increasing Household Income

Tuan Speaker, in a world that is increasingly crippled by inflation where the cost of goods has skyrocketed, many have been feeling the effects of our declining buying power. If last time, we are able to buy groceries and household needs with RM50, I can say today, that is simply a challenge and maybe not possible anymore.

While there is some optimism that this will soon recover but what is clear is that in the long-term, we need to start increasing our household income levels. In order to achieve this, the Government have strategies and responding to this situation and in tandem with our goals in the Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS 2030) to boost the household income, the Sarawak Government has laid out five approaches to achieve this goal.

The first is accelerating infrastructure development; second is investing in human capital and entrepreneurship development; third is investing in research and development, fourth is diversifying our economy; and last is implementing social economic programmes. And in order to achieve this, Tuan Speaker, we need to have ample and strong financial position. We need to have a very strong and a lot of more of income for us to achieve this. And this is what the GPS Government had been doing all these years and Alhamdulillah, now we are one of the most high-income states as what have been announced by the World Bank. And the next step is to increase the household income and we have strategies to achieve this.

I believe with these strategies; we will be able to realise our goals to improve the monthly household income among Sarawakians as well as reduce the poverty rate. This will be a manifestation for Sarawak to not only be a rich State but its people earning high incomes through well-paying jobs and blooming businesses, leading comfortable lives.

Implementing Vital Projects

Tuan Speaker, the 2024 State Budget, among others, will deliver relief in living costs to reduce financial burden of low to middle-income groups as well as implementing vital programmes and projects for the people. I support the approach of the Sarawak Government to emphasise on development whereby a sum of RM9.038 billion was allocated for the implementation of infrastructure and facilities throughout Sarawak.

This is vital to meet our target to provide full electrification, water access, and better interconnectivity through the provision of roads and bridges throughout the State. It is also vital to ensure economic and employment opportunities to the people of Sarawak. I believe we are in the period where Sarawak is developing rapidly and bridging the urban and rural gap as we now have the funds to implement projects by ourselves without being impeded financial-wise by the often-insufficient federal funding from Putrajaya.

I would like to reiterate the call by the Right Honourable Premier for the Federal Government to address the imbalance in development allocation to Sarawak. Funding must be given based on our needs and Sarawak need a lot of funds for its development. Kita memang mempunyai peruntukan yang besar tetapi adalah adil bagi Kerajaan Persekutuan untuk membantu kita mencapai objektif utama Sarawak. Just because Sarawak is doing well financially and is implementing projects on its own, it does not mean that Putrajaya can shirk its responsibilities and cut corners. The duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the Federal Government to Sarawak must be fulfilled in the spirit of the Malaysia Federation. Jadi, kita menggunakan pelbagai *avenue* untuk menyampaikan mesej ini kepada *Federal Government* melalui ucapan Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, melalui Timbalan Perdana Menteri, melalui Menteri-menteri, melalui Ahli-ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri in this august House.

Talent Development

Tuan Speaker, the matter of Youth Development is very close to my heart and the Sarawak Government has made great strides in ensuring the aspirations of newer generations are being heard and their call for action being responded to. I support the commitment to develop a digital talent pool to cater for the needs of high-growth and high value industries. I hope that this initiative is expanded to cater for new and emerging industries particularly in the area of green economy whereby locally produced skilled professionals are needed.

I understand that Sarawak-owned universities and institutions are already offering courses and training relating to green economy and it is therefore prudent that we prepare a workforce to meet the future demands in areas of environmentally sustainable industries. That is part of the strategy, Tuan Speaker, to increase our household income.

I also welcome the continuous effort by the Sarawak Government to emphasise on the importance of job matching through programmes such as Sarawak Career and Training Fair (SCaT Fair). This is important for us to address both unemployment as well as labour shortage in the job market.

With the increasing cases in online job scams whereby the personal information of job applicants is at risk as well as the increasingly vague nature of part time jobs in the gig economy, I propose that the Sarawak Government set up a portal or mobile application to facilitate job matching. Through this medium, Sarawakian applicants can use their digital SarawakPass where they can fill in personal information without it falling into the wrong hands as well as keep records of employers and their reputations. While job portals run by private entities are saturated in the market, the cost for job advertising might burden smaller companies or start-ups and not reach the targeted audience.

Education Assistance

The Sarawak Government has also made strides in areas of education assistance by continuing the 30% discount initiative for PTPTN loan repayments. This initiative has been well received and has met its objective to both lessen the financial burden of students and instil the practice of repaying study loans among graduates.

I also fully support the new initiative which is very important to provide RM500 book vouchers for IPTA and IPTS Sarawakian students from low-income households. I understand that when studying there are often intangible costs such as buying equipment, books other needs.

I propose that the mechanism of disbursement is through credit card to avoid leakages or through Sarawak Pay and profiteering by other parties if given in the form of physical vouchers.

Similarly, I also welcome the initiative for free laptops to be provided to students from low-income households. This is to ensure that all students not only have access to tertiary education but also have the facilities to do that. Laptop merupakan satu keperluan dan bukan satu kehendak lagi, Tuan Speaker.

This is crucial particularly in the era of digital economy and the era of post-pandemic whereby online classes and meetings are the norm as well as for technology-based courses that requires the use of computers.

Public Transportation

I am pleased to note that the much-awaited Sarawak Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) which is part of the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) Project has undergone its engineering run and proof of concept exercise and when it is implemented, Kuching will be the first Southeast Asia city to power its urban transport system with hydrogen.

There is no denying that the public transport system in Sarawak is in need of improvement to both reduce traffic woes as well as lower carbon footprint of vehicles. The ART solves this quandary and will usher in a new era of public transportation in Sarawak, starting in Kuching. These are the initiatives and the action plan that the Government have been taking to mitigate or to address the issue of traffic jam and I thank the Government for that.

However, I regret to note that there is still a lack of awareness among people on the objective, application and effectiveness of this solution, and sometimes calling these trackless tram as *"glorified buses".*

Definitely some education is needed on the importance of this new type of transport in lieu of a light rail transit (LRT) system. The decision to adopt ART was not only because of its lower cost and environmentally friendly features but also its role in addressing *"first-mile"* and *"last-mile"* problems. We need to educate the people on the benefit and we need to relay this message to all of our Sarawakians so that they understand. Definitely, as with, any new technology, there will be some resistance and hesitation but once there are understanding, the public will be more open to its adoption.

Tuan Speaker, saya juga ingin menyokong rakan saya daripada Daro tadi yang telah menyentuh tentang peruntukan AFF. Peruntukan AFF ini telah banyak memberi manfaat kepada penduduk terutama sekali di dalam bandar kerana mereka boleh mengamalkan sistem pertanian dalam bandar *and at the end* boleh menjana pendapatan sesebuah keluarga tersebut dan saya menyeru agar peruntukan AFF diteruskan oleh Kerajaan.

Satu lagi isu yang ingin saya bangkitkan adalah berkenaan dengan kesesakan di wad *emergency* di Hospital Umum Sarawak. Saya beberapa kali telah melawat rakan-rakan yang

terpaksa masuk ke dalam wad *emergency* di Hospital Umum Sarawak dan saya melihat begitu penuh dan padat sekali dengan pesakit-pesakit yang memerlukan rawatan *emergency*. Jadi, saya ingin menyarankan memandangkan kita ada klinik-klinik yang lain seperti Klinik Kesihatan Petra Jaya, saya ingin mencadangkan agar wad *emergency* atau wad klinik Kesihatan Petra Jaya diteruskan operasinya hingga ke malam hari untuk memberi *benefit to our people.*

Isu yang seterusnya, Tuan Speaker, di Kawasan Kuching, terutama sekali di Kawasan saya banyak mempunyai flat-flat perumahan. Jadi, penduduk-penduduk di Kuching khasnya ataupun di Sarawak masih belum *familiar l*agi dengan *mechanism* ataupun sistem *The Joint Management Committee* (JMC). Jadi, ini mendatangkan pelbagai masalah apabila hujung bulan hendak mengutip *fees* untuk membayar bil air kerana mereka belum mempunyai system, *a proper system* sehinggakan tindakan terpaksa diambil oleh pihak-pihak berkenaan untuk memotong bekalan air.

Jadi, saya ingin menyeru kepada kementerian yang berkaitan untuk turun memberi pendidikan and untuk mengajar mereka kaedah-kaedah bagi kita mengendalikan JMC ini.

Tuan Speaker, isu saya yang seterusnya adalah berkenaan dengan Mutiara Mortgage, yang telah banyak membantu anak-anak Sarawak untuk mendapat pinjaman apabila membeli rumah melalui vendor-vendor ataupun *developer-developer* yang tertentu. Tetapi, antara cabaran utama adalah pihak Persekutuan, *the Federal Government agencies* yang juga membina rumah belum lagi mengiktirafkan Mutiara Mortgage sebagai satu badan kewangan yang mereka boleh guna pakai untuk membeli rumah-rumah yang dibangunkan oleh agensi-agensi di peringkat Persekutuan. Jadi, saya mohon agar satu perjumpaan ataupun satu pertemuan diadakan antara Mutiara Mortgage *dan the relevant Federal agency* untuk menyelesaikan perkara ini.

Seterusnya, Tuan Speaker,

Conclusion

Now, more than ever, there are a lot of reasons to be proud of Sarawak; and to be proud for being a Sarawakian. We are ahead in many aspects from other states in Malaysia and globally, we are among the pioneers and early adopters of green economy and environmentally friendly solutions.

The Right Honourable Premier throughout his tenure has demonstrated to us time and time again of his farsightedness and vision in navigating Sarawak towards a golden era of economic, infrastructure and social development.

He is the man with the Midas touch - a leader for Sarawak today and in the future. *"If you think you have seen it all, you have not seen it all".*

With the 2024 State Budget, it exemplified the Premier and the GPS Government's relentless fight for a stable, developed and prosperous Sarawak and ensure a brighter future for this generation and the next generation of Sarawakians.

Tuan Speaker, with that, I beg to support the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Yang Berhormat Tupong. May I call upon Yang Berhormat Pending please.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Thank you, Tuan Speaker for allowing me to participate in the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023.

Tuan Speaker, it is time for the Ministry of Local Government Sarawak to look into the high advertisement licence fees imposed under the Second Schedule of the Local Authorities (Advertisements) By-Laws, 2012 (*"the Advertisement by law"*) as the prescribed fees are the highest in the nation.

Lately, a group of disgruntled businessmen had approached me for assistance after the local councils of Padawan and Serian issued them notices for failing to comply with the Advertisement By-Law.

Over the years after the passing of the Advertisement By-Law, the business sector has kept voicing out to the authorities concerned that the imposed fees are too expensive, unreasonable and thus has since called for a review of it. Unfortunately, their calls have fallen on deaf ears.

I trust if the Honourable Member for Batu Kawah as the Minister for Local Government is serious in helping the businesses, he would have directed his Ministry to carry out a review on the exorbitant fees and get it reduced by now. Unfortunately, he has done nothing to resolve it.

Tuan Speaker, do you know how ridiculous the advertisement fee is charge? I can cite an example that for a 21 sq meter advertisement, in West Malaysia, the Advertisement fee is RM400 whereas in Sarawak, the fees chargeable is RM2,070. The chargeable fee in Sarawak is five-fold more expensive. Isn't it absurd? On top of that, Sarawak also imposes a security deposit of RM5,000 per advertisement to be paid while there is no such requirement elsewhere. By comparison, the advertising effect in KL is so much greater than Sarawak yet the charges in West Malaysia are lower than Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, advertisement Billboards do play an important role in tourism industry as what can be seen in Hong Kong, Singapore or Japan. The advertisement billboards in those countries have become their landmark to attract tourists. As such, the State Government through councils and district councils must not set the licence fees too high that will burden the businesses.

I would like to also to take this opportunity to remind the current MPP Chairman, Mr. Tan Kai who had replaced Honourable Member from Batu Kitang, that his position as the Chairman is to serve the people seeking for his assistance or advice. I learned that when the businessmen called him to seek his help about the notices received, he responded in an arrogant way by saying, *"The Law is like that, how to help"*… *"The Law is like that, how to help"*… Is this the attitude…

Timbalan Speaker: Yang Berhormat… Yang Berhormat… could you refrain from referring to individual by name?

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Okay I will say that the officer from MPP… okay.. okay…

Timbalan Speaker: By the office…b y the office… but… because he has no way to defend himself in this part.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: It doesn't matter, he can get their colleague here to rebut me… It's okay… He will do so… He will do so….

Timbalan Speaker: …*(Inaudible)*…

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Yang Berhormat Batu Kitang, maybe you can help him *arr*? Okay… As a Government servant, this is not the right attitude to serve. Why can't he response in a more polite manner and assist to bring up the public's concern to his *"Jangan tengok saja boss?*" Not in… Today he is not in the chamber. So let it recorded here.

I call on the Minister for Local Government, Batu Kawah to walk his talk if he is sincere in helping the people. It is his responsibility to solve this issue once and for all so that the Advertisement By-Law can be implemented without hindrance. At the moment, I believe most of the enforcement team from the Councils and District Councils are having a hard time in enforcing the by-law.

Tuan Speaker, if the states in West Malaysia can afford to give such low advertisement fees, there is no reason Sarawak cannot afford to implement a lower rate. Afterall, Sarawak Government

always claim that Sarawak is the richest state with highest projected revenue of RM12.749 billion in 2024. Please stop bleeding the people dry.

In the meantime, may I urge the Ministry of Local Government to issue a directive to all Councils and Districts Councils to put on hold from serving notices to the business premises until this excessive advertisement license fee issue is fully resolved.

Padi cultivation

Tuan Speaker, of late, the sharp increase in rice price due to shortage of rice supply has affected the livelihood of the people with no exception to Sarawakians. Over the years, it is disappointing to see that whenever there is any issue crops up regarding the increase in prices of goods, the Ministers will then pop out to talk on it and offer many ideas.

Sarawak is blessed with plenty of land mass for agriculture purposes. But till today, the ideas for *padi* cultivation are still floating around with no successful implementation. We may notice that Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Yang Amat Berhormat Deputy Prime Minister, Fadillah; Yang Amat Berhormat Deputy Premier from Bukit Sari; and Honourable Minister from Kemena all jumping on the bandwagon proposing various *padi* cultivation sites and varieties of rice to be planted in Sarawak.

Yang Amat Berhormat Premier had identified four sites for planting hybrid rice from Vietnam, as he mentioned in his Supply speech on Monday. He mentioned Lubok Punggor in Gedong, Tanjung Bijat in Sri Aman, Spaoh in Betong and Tanjung Purun in Lundu. From what I understand, many years back as early as 2008, Limbang was identified, and feasibility study had been carried out on Limbang soil with the aim to make Limbang the rice bowl of Sarawak. May we know why did Yang Amat Berhormat Premier exclude Limbang as one of the sites for *padi* cultivation? Is it due to different political blocks in PBB? Because of Abang Jo camp, Awang Tengah camp, *tak boleh campur*? Even if it is, in my view, all the differences must be put aside for the sake of Sarawakians and Sarawak's economy.

I hope this time when Yang Amat Berhormat Premier talks about paddy cultivation, we can really see the whole rice project get materialised and successful. The *padi* project has been recycled too often, and in Mandarin we say it 炒冷饭 ***Chǎolěngfàn***, you keep on frying the cold rice. Alright, so let's continue.

Rice production is crucial, and I hope this time round, Sarawak State Government is serious in strengthening the increase of rice production to meet the State's growing food demand and be self-sufficient. As of today, our State's self-sufficient rate for rice has shrunk to a mere 34 percent. This is not healthy for a growing population State as it causes food security fears.

For me, with Sarawak going into *padi* cultivation to ensure self-sufficient is a welcoming move. We do not want to see more failures like the past e.g. in Gedong, the failures were due to lack of infrastructure and the technology brought in were unsuitable for the soil or there was design failure where a huge *padi* plot in Tanjung Bijat was abandoned as well as in Batang Lupar.

With our 2.8 million population and rice being our staple food, Sarawak really needs to look far ahead to make rice cultivation a success and ensure that we can eventually export rice to other countries in future.

India is a good example, with 1 billion in population, they can still afford to export rice. The India Government gives priority to food security in times of uncertainty. So why not us? Even Singapore with limited resources which is 100% reliant on rice import has a long term food security through their strategy. They have a guarantee of six months of rice supply, should there be a shortage but for Sarawak, we have less than three months' supply.

The State Government has to sustain and tread carefully this time from beginning to end including rice marketing and price control. Since Sarawak Government always said that we are the richest State, the State should ensure that at the end of the day, there is full control from the start to end in the rice production. We should not let the Federal and Bernas to interfere. As GPS likes to talk on autonomy, then this is one area which effort must be put in to work towards that goal.

Tuan Speaker, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier spoke of importing expertise from Wuhan, China to help Sarawak with rice planting as they invented hybrid planting and that Vietnam is also adopting the same technology. However, if we go back to history during the Second World War, *padi* growing in Sarawak was introduced by the Japanese using their technology. A book *"Masa Jepun"* by Bob Reece pointed out that *padi* growing in Lingga, Gran Stumbin, Tanjung Bijat were started during the Japanese occupation in Sarawak. Since Japan has a successful advanced technology and it worked well from the past till now, we should also seriously consider getting in Japan technology for *padi* cultivation. Let us not put all our eggs in one basket.

When embarking on *padi* cultivation projects, the State should be reminded that its ultimate aim is to have sufficient quality rice production at an affordable price for the people and at the same time put Sarawak on the world map that could spur the State economy through rice exporting.

Strata Management Tribunal

Tuan Speaker, despite Strata Management Ordinance 2019, Strata (Management and Maintenance) Regulation, 2022 and the Strata (Subsidiary Titles) Ordinance, 2019 passed and came into effect on 1st March 2022, there is no clear indication as to when the Strata Management Tribunal is going to be up and in service.

In May 2022 DUN Sitting, I raised this Tribunal issue and four months later after that, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier assured that Sarawak will set up a new Tribunal to handle strata management disputes between house buyers and developers. We are now in November 2023, the assurance of setting up a Strata Management Tribunal was just like a wind blowing by.

This shows that the Sarawak Government is not taking this Strata Management Tribunal seriously despite the piling up of disputes between the purchasers and developers. The purchasers have no avenue to file their cases. Likewise, the developers too have issues but cannot deal with them through the Tribunal. Of course, for those who can afford, they can deal with the dispute through civil courts. But why make people go through the hassle since the State Government has passed the relevant laws and regulations to assist the Strata community by seeking redress through the Tribunal?

Getting the Tribunal to be operational is the responsibility of YB Deputy Premier from Batu Kawah who is the Minister for Local Government and Housing. Five years have lapsed since the passing of the relevant laws on strata management and the community is still waiting for the Tribunal. May I know what has this Honourable Member for Batu Kawah and his Deputy has done so far?

I am sure when Yang Amat Berhormat Premier announced the intention to start a Strata Management Tribunal, he was expecting those who were in the position to deal with it. It appears that both Honourable Member for Batu Kawah and Honourable Member for Pelawan did not heed to the call of Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. With so many years gone, absolutely many in the ministry, councils or district councils including these two who head the Ministry of Housing are clueless to deal with the issues concerning Strata Management. I wish to put on record that, to the best of my knowledge, the only officer who is well verse on the topic is none other than Haji Abu Bakar. I want to put on record. And he is the only one that is well versed. Other than that, whatever issues you go and ask the Ministry, everybody *tengok saja*. This is the information that I gathered. So, thank you Haji Abu Bakar. This is shocking right? How can we expect effective implementation of the relevant laws? Tuan Speaker, do you know that *Menteri,* Deputy *Menteri, semua tengok.*

Tuan Speaker, do you know how many people have been affected by the lackadaisical attitude of this Minister, Deputy Minister and the officers in-charge. Let me share the statistics here. As at 2022, the number of units of existing strata residential in Sarawak is 45,000 units. In Kuching alone, we have 33,364 units whereas in Samarahan, there are 3,943 units. For strata commercial units in Sarawak, the total number is 5,263 with 3,920 units in Kuching and 622 units in Samarahan

Let's say, in every unit there are four persons occupying. You can see for yourself, the huge number of people affected by problems concerning strata properties. That is why many have queried what has happened to the setting up of Strata Management Tribunal? Why passed a law if there is no determination to ensure the laws can be fully regulated?

Apart from the Tribunal not being established, there are other issues that need to be tackled immediately too. The Ministry of Housing and the Councils are in the know that there are property management companies from West Malaysia which operate without proper license. Please tackle this issue. We all know that for property management companies from West Malaysia to be legally operating in Sarawak, they should register a branch in Sarawak but what I know is that these people are abusing their social visit pass by operating here.

Many have noticed Honourable Member for Batu Kawah in particular, always harp on *"Sarawak for Sarawakians"* and rights enshrined in MA63, and on this particular issue why is he keeping mum on it and not taking any action to protect the local property management companies.

Just like the engineers, architects, legal practitioners from West Malaysia, they cannot simply practice here and they are rules and regulations to abide before they come to Sarawak to practice.

That was why I ever said in my previous DUN sitting that we need a competent person to sit as the Minister for Housing. *Tukar*. Must *tukar*. *Tukar Menteri*, must *tukar Menteri*. There are many strata properties related issues which did not appear to be solved by the current one. I call on the YAB Premier appoint someone who is really serious in handling housing issues to replace the incompetent one! Why still keep him? I don't see the good reason why keeping him by sitting there... *(Interruption)...* Sorry*?... (Interruption)...* Personal, no *la*, I got all facts to back my arguments to *tukar*. If not, you go and ask the officers in the Ministry. I gathered information, I don't simply talk here. Okay, my next, last issue, Tuan Speaker.

Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART)

Tuan Speaker, we all know that YAB Premier's pet project, Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART), has replaced LRT which according to him is cheaper. He mentioned that LRT cost around RM10 billion while ART is estimated to cost RM6 billion which consists of blue, red and green lines.

Tuan Speaker, from what I gathered through the press medias, KUTS Package One which involves the Design, Engineering, Procurement, Manufacture, Assembly, Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning and handover of Hydrogen Vehicle, Depot and Equipment and Maintenance Vehicle, Automatic Platform Gate and Signalling and Control System was tendered out to EPR Mobilius GR. JV Sdn Bhd for the sum of RM1,425 billion.

As for KUTS Package Two, it was awarded to DOM-EEB Joint Venture for the contract sum RM448 million. Their scope of works includes Design Engineering, Procurement, Manufacture, Assembly, Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing and Commissioning and handover of Telecommunication, Supervisory control and Data Acquisition, Automatic Fare collection, Computerised Maintenance Management System, Operation Control Centre and Information Technology System of the ART for Samarahan Line One, Serian Line Two and Kuching Urban Transportation system project.

Given these two packages, the added-up contract sum is RM 1.873 billion. We know that this amount of RM1.873 billion does not include the cost to build infrastructure works where the newly

awarded package costing RM568.61 million to Ibraco-CREC Joint Venture on 8th November for the construction and completion of infrastructure work for Blue Line Package One from Rembus to Stutong for Kuching Urban Transportation System project is of them. For those who do not know, our Honourable Member from Satok. Satok! Don't sleep, ah! Is one of the top 30 shareholders in Ibraco. He is one of the *tauke*, *lah*. *Tauke*. *Untunglah* your company*... (Interruption)...* No, no, no. I say you are just one of the top 30 shareholders *lah*. *Tak salah, kan*. That's the fact. Okay, with that up, I'll move on. Just to let them know that you're the *tauke... (Interruption)...*

Timbalan Speaker: Address the Chair, address the Chair.

YB Puan Violet Wui Wui: Oh! Tuan Speaker, sorry. I forgot to address you. No, I just want to let; for those who do not know that the Honourable Member for Satok*... (Interruption)...* Not personal*... (Interruption)...*

Timbalan Speaker: No, you just change*... (Interruption)...*

YB Puan Violet Wui Wui: Oh! Tahniah. Top 30, 44.2% shares in Ibraco, correct?*...(Interruption)...* Ah! Sorry*?... (Interruption*)... no need, no need. *Tak perlu, tak perlu*. Okay.

Tuan Speaker, if we add up the contract sums of these three packages, the total sum comes to RM2.44 billion. This amount reaches the 1/3 mark of the RM6 billion which YAB Premier mentioned last year. Can we have an assurance from the YAB Premier that there will not be cost overrun for implementing this hydrogen powered ART project? We do not wish to see that the cost saving justification for the implementation of ART project is just mere empty talk.

Tuan Speaker, if we look closely at System Package One, RM1.425 billion contract sum which is for hardware purchase, includes the purchase of 38 units of hydrogen powered ART. May the State Government provide the breakdown cost of this Package One? The *rakyat* has the right to know the cost of the respective item in the package and that includes the purchase price of each unit of the hydrogen powered ART cost.

From my engagement with those who is familiarise in this area, I was made to understand that it is unlikely for the cost of depot equipment and maintenance vehicle, automatic platform gate and signalling and control system to reach RM400 million. Premised on that, the purchase of 38 units hydrogen powered ART would cost more than RM1 billion under Package 1. So, on average, one unit of hydrogen powered ART would cost at least RM30 million. So, we have the Flagpole RM30 million, we have the Musical Fountain RM31 million and now we have ART RM30 million. Okay, seems that 30 is a good number.

Tuan Speaker, this RM30 million pricing per unit is about 3 times more expensive than the electric-powered ART. From my research, an electric-powered ART of similar type cost about USD 2.2 million which is equivalent to about RM10 million plus-plus. How could we not break out in a cold sweat seeing and knowing the state spending billions of Sarawakians' money extravagantly.

Yang Amat Berhormat Premier had announced that this ART project will not generate any profit. If that is the case, why should the State Government dig deeper into the pocket to do something which we can opt for a cheaper mode particularly to improve the public transport system to solve the traffic jam issues? How long can the State Government afford and sustain to implement this lavish project? Also, what puzzles many was that the State Government purchases the rolling stock even before completing the infrastructure works. I believe only Sarawak Government does it.

In my Question and Answer during the last DUN session, I have asked the State Government to furnish me the names of the 10 tenderers and the respective tender pricing submitted for System Package 2. There was no reply to my query. I don't know why.

Timbalan Speaker: Okay can close Yang Berhormat.

YB Puan Violet Yong Wui Wui: Yes, I am closing.

If there is nothing to hide, I believe I urge the Sarawak Government not to evade answering my queries? By disclosing the information, Sarawakians will know clear whether the System Package 2 tendered out is overpriced or not. I was told that, I was made to understand that there were tenderers who submitted less than RM448 million but failed to get the contract. What was the story behind, I do not know. What was meant for the good of the people, I support. But, I would like to caution the State Government to be prudent in their spending and must not spend lavishly on projects that will end up as a *"white elephant"* and with that I conclude, thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat. Next, I will call Ahli Yang Berhormat Batu Kitang.

YB Dato Ir. Lo Khere Chiang: Thank you Tuan Speaker.

Masuk ke hutan berempat-empat,
Belah buluh bersegi-segi,
Tahun depan dua puluh dua puluh empat,
Semoga bajet ditambah lagi.

Pantai Dahan indah berseri,
Tempat berkunjung muda dan mudi,
Segala kemudahan telah diberi,
Rakyat menerima senang hati.

Thank you, Tuan Speaker for the honour and the opportunity to debate Yang Amat Berhormat, the Premier of Sarawak's address at this Second Meeting of the Second Session of the 19th Sarawak State Legislative Assembly. I support and congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat, the Premier of Sarawak, for his articulate budget speech and his success in getting the highest ever budget of RM12.749 billion for the first time in Sarawak's history where 66% of the budget will go into development.

First, I would like to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for his visionary and admirable helming of our State through good and challenging times.

Our Honourable Prime Minister acknowledges this as well. No Prime Minister has ever held their Federal cabinet meeting in Kuching and on top of that, inviting the Premier of Sarawak to address the Federal Cabinet.

Tuan Speaker, our Malaysian Ringgit has been on a consistent decline for the past 10 years compared to other currencies from neighbouring countries such as Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and China. The Federal Government needs to examine whether excessive red tape in its trade and investment policy is hindering foreign investment into Malaysia.

In contrast, in Sarawak, our exports are thriving and we are going from strength to strength. Sarawak, currently in second position in terms of economic development in the country, is now focusing on harnessing the potential to double its gross domestic product (GDP) by 2030. Yang Amat Berhormat Premier said based on the latest statistics, Sarawak is currently behind Johor, followed by the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor.

Sarawak's GDP was RM142.2 billion in 2022, only RM2 billion less than Johor, which was RM144 billion then. With hard work and added value in the economy, there is a substantial opportunity to achieve a GDP of RM280 billion by 2030.

Sarawak's new economy has become the envy of many States in Malaysia to the extent that even before the Federal Cabinet held its meeting at the State Secretariat in Kuching at Wisma Bapa Malaysia in September this year, our Honourable Prime Minister extended a request to our Premier to give a talk to MPs and CMs on the new economy that Sarawak has adopted.

Our Honourable Yang Amat Berhormat Premier delivered a 30 minute speech, imparting knowledge to Federal leaders on hydrogen, green economy, state development and fostering harmonious living. It is gratifying to see that the value and contributions of Sarawakians are acknowledged and recognized and we take immense pride in having a leader of such distinction and merit.

Peaceful Harmonious Sarawak

Tuan Speaker, a great example where Sarawak political leaders promote a peaceful and harmonious Sarawak is the setting up of the Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR). UNIFOR assist religions other than Islam as Sarawak's resources belong to people of all faiths. It looks after 16 different religious groups. Sarawak is the best example for many states when it comes to inter-racial and inter-religious harmony. This harmony and religious freedom has been strongly endorsed by Sarawak leaders including our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier.

Our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier administers and helps all in Sarawak. He is dignified enough not to speak ill of other religions and he encourages the people of Sarawak to unite as one regardless of race and religion. This has in turn encouraged other organizations in Sarawak, to call for more racially integrated activities to enhance unity among all Sarawakians. Our late Chief Minister, *Tok Nan* who took one single day to recognise UEC in Sarawak used to say that we are one big family. We should not let race and religion divide us. Let us instead find peace, harmony and strength in diversity.

Education Autonomy

Tuan Speaker. Our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has the foresight to know that an educated population will bring Sarawak to greater heights in many ways. Yang Amat Berhormat Premier aims to provide free tertiary education to all state-owned universities by 2026 which should be achievable given the state's robust economic strength under the current dynamic and very stable GPS Government.

As promised by our Honourable Yang Amat Berhormat Premier and addressed in his budget speech, the first State owned International School in Sarawak has entered its second year of operation at Petra Jaya in Kuching. The second international School located at Mile 12, Kuching Serian Road, is scheduled to be completed at the end of this year.

However, I remember not too long ago, Member for Padungan was shouting in this august House, swinging Pakatan Harapan manifesto and say: *"When Pakatan Harapan wins the election, education autonomy will be returned to Sarawak. No need to beg!"*. Tapi cakap sahaja. He is not here unfortunately. Nevermind. He knows what I am saying.

Our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has also set up a Sovereign Wealth Fund for our future generations following the footsteps of Norway's, Singapore's and Sweden's Sovereign Wealth Funds.

Sarawak's Sovereign Wealth fund aims to ensure that the generated interests will be dedicated to education, economic fortification and statewide infrastructure development. With Sarawak's record-breaking revenue of RM11 billion last year, the highest ever reported, and an even bigger budget of RM12 billion this year, the State's trajectory is on a positive upswing.

Tuan Speaker, the Federal Government has been dragging its feet in addressing the much needed repairs of schools throughout Sarawak. Thus, it is of utmost importance that education autonomy be returned to Sarawak so that urgent issues are resolved quickly especially as it concerns the safety of our students and teachers.

Not to long ago, our Federal Deputy Education Minister has confirmed that MOE is slow in releasing funds for dilapidated schools, and this is while answering a parliamentary question from Member of Stampin, saying that we have 462 dilapidated schools in Sarawak which are in need of serious attention but only 11 schools will be repaired in 2024. At the rate it is going, the Unity Government will take 42 years to repair all our dilapidated schools in Sarawak.

For the record of this DUN, the Federal MOE spent only RM2.5 billion from 2016-2023 of schools in Sarawak compared to the RM2.7 billion our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier spent on education related matters in Sarawak from 2020-2023. Three years only.

It is high time that education autonomy and money due to Sarawak on education matters be promptly and urgently returned to Sarawak for us to repair our schools and for us to decide our own education syllabus.

When education autonomy is returned to Sarawak, Sarawak will also no longer need to follow the Federal's stance of *"chop & change"* education programs and the constant shifts from English to BM and back again. These indecisive Federal education programs have created so much confusion for students and parents over the years leading to a devastating drop in academic excellence.

Tuan Speaker, in 2020, the Sarawak Government, under our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's directive made a significant move of investing RM11 million to implement programs teaching Mathematics and Science in English to Year One students in all primary schools in Sarawak. Today in Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's budget speech, Yang Amat Berhormat Premier reaffirmed his commitment to continue to improve the standard of English while providing a strong foundation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education for our students.

Kudos to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. This investment is crucial as it enhances students' proficiency in these subjects, aligning them with global standards. English proficiency in these fields not only facilitates international communication but also opens doors to a broader range of educational and career opportunities for students in an increasingly interconnected world. We are fortunate to have a Premier who upholds and protects our right to use English in Sarawak.

Sarawak is the only State that has fully implemented the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English under the Dual Language Programme Sarawak as mentioned by Yang Amat Berhormat Premier in his Budget speech. However, I encourage all Sarawakians of all races to work hard at improving our BM proficiency, Bahasa Malaysia proficiency, as this is our national language, and it is our language of respect and unity for our Malaysian culture.

Flooding

Tuan Speaker, the areas of Greenwood Park, Taman Emas, Taman Paradise at around Batu 9, my Constituency, Quop and Kampung Quop at Batu 10 also my Constituency experience flash floods each time there is a heavy downpour of rain and that happened just a few days ago. I wish to request our GPS Government through DID Federal Government to consider my request to plan, propose and to alleviate flooding in these areas. The issue of major flooding comes under the purview of the Drainage and Irrigation Department, and major funds come from the Federal Drainage and Irrigation Department. More often than not, permission for projects to be implemented as well as funding requires the approval of the Federal Government. I implore upon the Honourable Member for Stampin, who is also Member for Padungan in this august House to bring this flooding issue up in Parliament and request the Federal Minister in charge to look into this comprehensive study of our flooding problem, to provide the necessary funding and to solve the problem.

Security

Tuan Speaker, recently, there appeared to be a number of coffee shops in the towns which may have been used for illegal gambling, online activities, illegal online activities. And this has led to an escalation of small-scale thieving and reports of robberies in the area. One contributing factor appears to be the limited police patrol and personnel presence with limited patrol vehicles available in the Padawan area. There is also very limited CCTV coverage in the area as well.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for the initiation of our security officers and coast guard under Unit Keselamatan dan Penguatkuasaan Sarawak. If I may, I would like to suggest that further strengthening of these forces could be considered, possibly in collaboration with our Federal Officers. This collaborative effort could effectively address and mitigate illegal activities and increase security in our area.

Tuan Speaker, the importance of CCTVs cannot be underestimated. These have been a source of reassurance in terms of personal safety for our *rakyat*. I hope the number of CCTVs installed will continue to increase. Additionally, the enhancement of *Ronda* activities may potentially contribute to an improved overall security situation in Sarawak.

An indication of how important CCTVs are to greatly assist our law enforcers in curbing illegal activities and ensure a safer city. Singapore has 90,000 CCTV cameras today and plan to have 200,000 by 2030. Not very far from us, and I wish to respectfully inquire how many CCTVs are going to be installed in major towns and cities throughout Sarawak, and what would be the anticipated time frame for such a milestone?

Tuan Speaker, I wish to request for an access road linking Jalan Stephen Yong with Jalan Batu Kitang junction towards Jalan Landeh at the back of RPR Landeh, the access road at the back of RPR Landeh. This road will ease the travelling distance along Jalan Landeh to Jalan Stephen Yong (we don't have to go round Batu 10, and come out, and make a big round), and also ease traffic congestion along Jalan Landeh, and Kuching-Serian Road. Many developments and housing estates are mushrooming along Jalan Landeh and this proposed access road is needed very badly.

Trans-Borneo Railway

Tuan Speaker, it is high time that the Federal Government recognizes the need to have a Trans-Borneo Railway linking Sabah and Sarawak to Brunei and Indonesia as we are lagging far behind on road and rail transportation compared to Malaysia. Malaya siphons RM80 billion from Sarawak annually but our infrastructure is far behind that of Malaya. Without any doubt, the Territorial Sea Act and Petroleum Development Act 1974 is an unfair deal for Sarawak.

I urge the Federal Government to seriously consider turning the Trans-Borneo Railway into reality to accelerate development and provide an alternative public transport option for Sarawak and Sabah. Our visionary leader, our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier has been pushing for this proposal to go through. Transport Minister, Federal has agreed to a feasibility study. However, we would like to emphasize the need for prompt and tangible action, not just the carrying out of years of feasibility studies, which could be flushed down the drain again and again anytime there is a change of Government.

That was what happened to our Pan Borneo Highway. The building of the Pan Borneo Highway was mentioned more than 10 years ago. Then, after the 2018 election, RM3 billion was slashed by the new Pakatan Harapan Government on the premise that the project management consultant was not necessary. To this day, the Pan Borneo highway is yet to be completed. The Trans-Borneo Railway project is estimated to cost RM63.3 billion. However, the high-speed railway between KL and Singapore currently under discussion is estimated to cost RM110 billion. And this KL-Singapore railway only serves to bring added comfort to elite travelers. I hope our Honourable Member for Padungan also Honourable Member for Stampin can remind our Federal Transport Minister that

because Sarawak contributes RM80 billion annually to the national coffers, the KL-Singapore railway project should be set aside for now and ensure that the Trans-Borneo Railway takes precedence.

The railway project is of utmost importance to boost Sarawak's economy, not just for the elites like in Semenanjung Malaysia. Indonesia is already improving its railway transport in Kalimantan and if Sarawak is not doing that, we stand to lose a great deal. In addition to connecting cities around Borneo Island, this railway will also provide access to the interior for mining operations and transportation of raw materials, thereby speeding up the development of the rural areas of Sarawak and Sabah. Rail is a smart, sustainable, and efficient way to move freight and people.

The Federal Government cannot give lame excuses such as low population density in East Malaysia and non-profitability and try to shelve the proposal based on these excuses. RM80 billion been siphon is a lot of money. Implementing public transport such as the one and only railway network in Sarawak should not be considered for profits at all, but as an investment by the Federal Government to improve the region's wider economy. It is time to give back to Sarawak what is dutifully ours after 60 years of independence. How many more barrels of oil worth billions does Malaya need to siphon from us before it decides Sarawak deserves to get at least one railway line?

Timbalan Speaker: Can close now, Ahli Yang Berhormat?

YB Dato Ir. Lo Khere Chiang: Okay. Thank you. Okay, I will do the closing. Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Honourable Member for N.67 Jepak for his convincing victory in the recently concluded election and which has affirmed the *rakyat'*s unwavering support for GPS under Yang Amat Berhormat Premier. Tuan Speaker, Christmas is approaching, and I wish to take this opportunity to wish Honourable Members of this House, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With that, thank you very much Tuan Speaker

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat for Batu Kitang. Before we call the next speaker, may I know anybody in this august House, Members, Yang Berhormat, who want to speak? Besides Repok next one, I have no other in my list. Okay, Honourable Member for Repok.

YB Dato' Sri Huang Tiong Sii: Terima kasih, Tuan Speaker. Terima kasih kerana memberi peluang kepada saya untuk membahas Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 dan Usul untuk Merujuk Resolusi Anggaran Perbelanjaan Pembangunan bagi tahun 2024 yang telah dibentangkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak, merangkap Menteri Kewangan dan Ekonomi Baru; Menteri Sumber Asli dan Pembangunan Bandar; dan Menteri Tenaga dan Kelestarian Alam Sekitar.

Tuan Speaker, bagi pihak rakyat kawasan Repok, saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk merakamkan ucapan terima kasih dan tahniah kepada Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak kerana telah membentangkan Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 yang begitu *inclusive.* Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 ini telah membawa berita gembira kepada anak-anak Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, saya berasa bersyukur kerana Kerajaan Sarawak telah membuktikan keupayaan dan telah berjaya meningkatkan pendapatan dengan prestasi yang amat baik jika dibandingkan dengan sebelum ini. Kejayaan ini memanfaatkan semua rakyat Sarawak kerana pendapatan ini akan merangsang lebih banyak program pembangunan di seluruh Sarawak.

Dengan pelbagai inisiatif yang telah dilancarkan oleh Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak selama ini, rancangan-rancangan yang dirangkakan sebagai *Multi Pronged Approach* untuk menuju ke arah maju dan makmur *to make Sarawak as a developed and high-income State by 2030.* We are excited to witness the realization of this day.

Development of Sarawak in the People Oriented

Melalui wakil-wakil rakyat yang mengambil berat tentang rakyat tempatan masing-masing, projek pembangunan dapat dikenal pasti dan diberi keutamaan dan manfaat kepada rakyat. Sekali lagi, Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 tidak terkecuali untuk menjadi lembing menerajui Sarawak ke arah masa depan yang lebih baik.

Program pembangunan yang merangkumi aspek pembangunan, sumber manusia, pengurusan dan pentadbiran; kesejahteraan dan keikhlasan kepada seluruh rakyat adalah lebih fokus dan berjiwa rakyat melalui teras-teras strategik yang terkandung dalam Supply (2024) Bill, 2023.

A visionary leader like Premier Sarawak, beliau mempunyai matlamat yang jelas, sentiasa memastikan visi dan aspirasi dapat direalisasikan melalui pelan-pelan strategik yang dirangka. Dengan ini, sudah pastinya Sarawak akan mencapai matlamat yang ditentukan dan disasarkan secara beransur-ansur.

Tuan Speaker, sekali lagi, Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 membuktikan bahawa Kerajaan Sarawak mendahulukan kepentingan rakyat dan mengutamakan pembangunan demi kesejahteraan rakyat. Sehingga kini, Kerajaan GPS Sarawak tidak mengecewakan rakyat.

Isu-Isu di Kawasan N.45 Repok

Tuan Speaker, seterusnya, izinkan saya mengemukakan beberapa masalah tempatan di Kawasan saya di N.45 Repok yang memerlukan perhatian segera daripada Dewan yang mulia ini dan kementerian atau agensi yang berkenaan.

Kekurangan Tempat Letak Kereta di Poliklinik/Klinik Kesihatan Sarikei

Tuan Speaker, masalah pertama yang ingin saya bangkitkan adalah isu kekurangan tempat letak kereta di Klinik Kesihatan Sarikei yang sentiasa menarik aduan awam.

Di sini, saya ingin menekankan bahawa isu ini merupakan masalah yang memerlukan perhatian segera daripada Dewan yang mulia ini serta pihak yang berkenaan.

Seperti Dewan yang mulia ini yang sedia maklum, saya pernah membentangkan isu ini di persidangan sebelum ini dengan mencadangkan tapak Hospital Sarikei Lama iaitu Lot 1066, Blok 48, Sarikei Land District ini dijadikan tempat parkir awam Klinik Kesihatan Sarikei memandangkan ia bersebelahan.

Namun demikian, sehingga hari ini, tiada apa-apa tindakan yang telah diambil oleh pihak berkenaan.

Tuan Speaker, masalah kekurangan tempat parkir awam di sekitar Klinik Kesihatan Sarikei agak membimbangkan dan telah menyebabkan kenderaan-kenderaan terpaksa diletakkan di tepi jalan. Masalah ini juga menyebabkan kesesakan lalu lintas di sekitarnya dan menimbul isu-isu keselamatan jalan raya kepada pengguna jalan raya.

Maka, demi keselamatan pengguna-pengguna jalan raya dan kelancaran trafik di sekitar Klinik Kesihatan Sarikei, saya menyeru kepada kementerian atau agensi berkenaan untuk mengambil kira cadangan menjadikan tapak Hospital Sarikei lama sebagai tapak parkir awam bagi mengatasi isu kekurangan tempat parkir kereta di Klinik Kesihatan Sarikei ini.

Kerosakan Jalan Raya di persimpangan Kim San, Lebuhraya Pan Borneo

Tuan Speaker, masalah kedua yang saya ingin kemukakan adalah kerosakan jalan raya di Persimpangan Kim San, Lebuhraya Pan Borneo.

Saya dan pasukan Pusat Khidmat saya telah berkali-kali menerima aduan daripada penduduk tempatan mengenai keadaan jalan raya Lebuh Raya Pan Borneo di persimpangan berdekatan Jalan Kim San. Persimpangan tersebut dikenali sebagai *Chainage 43* hingga *Chainage 44.*

Jalan raya di *Chainage 43* hingga *Chainage 44* telah mengalami kerosakan yang menyebabkan ketidaksenangan kepada pengguna jalan raya.

Keadaan berlubang, permukaan jalan tidak rata dan air bertakung yang berlaku di kawasan tersebut membimbangkan dan membahayakan keselamatan pengguna jalan raya.

Tuan Speaker, tindakan wajar perlu diambil dengan kadar segera bagi memastikan keselamatan jalan raya, melancarkan lalu lintas tempatan dan mengelakkan sebarang kemalangan yang tidak diingini.

Walaupun Pusat Khidmat saya telah mengemukakan beberapa aduan berhubung keadaan kerosakan jalan raya Lebuhraya Pan Borneo, *Chainage 43* hingga *Chainage 44* kepada pihak yang berkuasa namun tiada sebarang tindakan telah diambil oleh kementerian atau agensi berkenaan.

Saya merayu kepada kementerian atau agensi berkenaan agar mengambil tindakan sewajarnya bagi memastikan jalan raya ini diperbaiki, sentiasa berada dalam keadaan yang baik, dipantau dan diselenggara dari semasa ke semasa.

Dermaga Komersial Baru

Tuan Speaker, isu seterusnya yang saya ingin bahaskan adalah mengenai isu dermaga komersial baru yang saya pernah bangkitkan di Dewan yang mulia sebelum ini.

Dulu, Bandar Sarikei mempunyai terminal penumpang dan satu buah dermaga komersial. Dermaga komersial asal di Sungai Nyelong sudah usang, tidak selamat dan tidak mampu untuk kegunaan komersial bagi kegunaan trak dan lori.

Lokasi geografi Sarikei agak strategik kerana ia berdekatan dengan Tanjung Manis dan dikelilingi oleh Sungai Rajang, Sungai Sarikei dan Sungai Nyelong. Dermaga komersial merupakan komponen penting dalam rangkaian dagangan dan pengangkutan air di Sarikei.

Bukan itu saja, ia juga mempunyai fungsi yang penting untuk menjana aktiviti ekonomi Sarikei. Tanpa dermaga komersial yang sempurna dan baik, aktiviti ekonomi Sarikei akan terjejas. Maka, bagi memastikan kelancaran aktiviti ekonomi Sarikei yang berterusan, saya memohon kepada Kerajaan Sarawak untuk membuat pertimbangan yang sewajarnya untuk membina sebuah dermaga komersial yang baru di lokasi yang sesuai di sepanjang Sungai Nyelong, Sarikei dengan menggunakan peruntukan *Port, Navigational Safety and Riverine Projects* yang telah diperuntukkan di Supply (2024) Bill, 2023.

Cadangan Pembinaan Rumah Mampu Milik di Kawasan N.45 Repok

Tuan Speaker, perkara seterusnya yang saya ingin bangkitkan di Dewan yang mulia ini adalah cadangan pembinaan rumah mampu milik di Kawasan N.45 Repok. Saya ingin mencadangkan kepada Kerajaan Sarawak untuk memperkenalkan projek rumah mampu milik di Sarikei. Keperluan untuk memiliki rumah mampu milik oleh golongan yang berpendapatan rendah di Sarikei adalah semakin meningkat, kos perumahan telah meningkat secara mendadak khususnya pasca pandemik COVID-19. Ramai individu dan keluarga bergelut untuk memiliki rumah sendiri. Sarikei adalah

sebuah pekan pertanian yang terdiri daripada kebanyakan golongan yang berpendapatan tidak tinggi atau dikategorikan sebagai golongan B40. Skim Rumah Mampu Millik akan membantu golongan ini mengurangkan beban kewangan untuk memilik rumah sendiri. Yang lebih penting, ia memainkan peranan yang penting dalam memupuk keharmonian, kestabilan dan keseimbangan sosioekonomi di kalangan masyarakat Sarikei. Walau bagaimanapun, apabila harga rumah di pasaran adalah di luar kemampuan dan kebanyakan golongan masyarakat tidak mampu memiliki rumah, ia akan mewujudkan pengasingan sosioekonomi, menjejaskan kualiti hidup penduduk dan perkembangan masyarakat. Terima kasih Yang Amat Berhormat Premier Sarawak yang telah memberikan perhatian untuk melaksanakan projek mampu milik di Sarikei dalam Supply (2024) Bill, 2023. Saya memohon kementerian memberikan pencerahan berhubung jumlah unit sebenar yang bakal dibina di Sarikei daripada 1,481-unit secara keseluruhan yang diluluskan melibatkan enam bahagian yang telah diumumkan dalam Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 tersebut.

Kekurangan Pencahayaan Lampu di Jalan Meruton-Simpang Jakar, Jalan Kwong Ming-Minah dan Jalan Baji Sentebu

Tuan Speaker, pencahayaan jalan yang cukup adalah sepadan dengan keselamatan jalan raya pada waktu gelap dan waktu malam. Ia bukan sahaja memberi penglihatan yang jelas kepada pengguna jalan raya, tetapi juga membantu meningkatkan keselamatan kepada pengguna jalan raya, terutamanya di tempat persilangan atau *intersection*. Saya telah mengenal pasti tiga lokasi pencahayaan di jalan raya yang kurang terang, iaitu Jalan Meruton-Simpang Jakar, Jalan Kwong Ming-Minah dan Jalan Baji Sentebu. Ketiga-tiga lokasi ini masih di dalam keadaan gelap pada waktu malam.

Keadaan ini adalah amat membimbangkan dan boleh membawa kecelakaan kepada pengguna-pengguna jalan raya. Saya juga telah menerima banyak aduan daripada penduduk-penduduk di Kawasan saya. Mereka telah mendesak pihak berkenaan untuk mengambil tindakan segera untuk memasang lampu di jalan tersebut bagi memastikan pencahayaan yang cukup kepada pengguna-pengguna di jalan raya.

Tuan Speaker, sehubungan ini, saya mewakili penduduk Kawasan Repok menyampaikan hasrat dan keperluan penduduk-penduduk kepada Kerajaan Sarawak untuk mempertimbangkan pemasangan lampu di Jalan Meruton-Simpang Jakar, Jalan Kwong Ming-Minah dan Jalan Baji Sentebu.

Penutup

Tuan Speaker, sebelum saya mengundurkan diri, izinkan saya menyampaikan sepatah dua kata ucapan kepada semua ahli di Dewan yang mulia ini. Kita sudah hampir ke penghujung tahun 2023. Tahun ini menandakan satu peristiwa penting bagi Bumi Kenyalang kerana Sarawak telah berjaya menyambut Perayaan 60 tahun Sarawak Merdeka dengan tema *"Sarawak Maju Makmur"*. Rakyat-rakyat di seluruh Sarawak telah menyaksikan sambutan ini yang telah memupuk semangat patriotik dan perpaduan di semua lapisan masyarakat yang terdiri daripada berbilang kaum di Sarawak. Saya juga ingin mengambil kesempatan ini mengucapkan Selamat Hari Natal atau *Merry Christmas* kepada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, tuan-tuan dan puan-puan yang meraikannya. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan Selamat Tahun Baru 2024 terlebih dahulu kepada semua Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, tuan-tuan dan puan-puan di Dewan yang mulia ini. Semoga Tahun Baru 2024 ini memberi kita semua dan ahli keluarga sentiasa sihat walafiat, dilimpahkan rezeki dan dipermudahkan urusan.

Tuan Speaker, akhir sekali dengan sukacitanya saya menyokong penuh Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 dan Usul untuk merujuk Resolusi Anggaran Perbelanjaan Pembangunan bagi tahun 2024. Sekian, terima kasih.

Timbalan Speaker: Terima kasih, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Repok. So far, we have seven speakers starting from maiden speech from YB Jepak. Is there any other member who wishes to speak, please? Otherwise, we break for lunch. Shall we have a lunch break until 2.30 p.m., please.

[Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 12.45 tengah hari]

(Mesyuarat dimulakan pada pukul 2.47 petang)

[Timbalan Speaker mempengerusikan Mesyuarat]

Timbalan Speaker: Shall resume for the debate by calling Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Datu, please.

YB Encik Azizul Annuar bin Pehin Sri Haji Adenan: Bismillahirahmannirahim. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Selamat petang. Tuan Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to debate on the budget in this august House this morning. First of all, I would like to congratulate Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Honourable Member for Gedong for the announcement of this record breaking and historical budget. It is undeniable that our Premier is the primary mover and engineer to have increased our revenue to RM12.7 billion and with that I would also like to also commend and congratulate Members of the cabinet, the civil service and all that has contributed in this momentous effort and making this the largest budget ever announced.

Tuan Speaker, I believe with such a large budget, more efforts can be made to focus on sharing the wealth with the *rakyat* so everyone can benefit. Furthermore, I would like to praise our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier, Honourable Member from Gedong for his vision and farsightedness to propel Sarawak into a developed State by 2030. Among the important excerpts that has come from this budget includes:

(a) A budget with an expansionary policy which will be expected to spend around RM13.6 billion in 2024, which is an increase of 18% from 2023;
(b) There have been 12 strategic thrusts in propelling the Government and the State; and
(c) Delivering cost of living relief measures to reduce financial burden off low and middle income groups, to single out investments and continue to execute key programmes and projects for the benefits of the *rakyat*.

I am also confident that the State will or might exceed the projected economic growth of between 5% to 6%.

Tuan Speaker, based on the 12 strategic thrusts that was put together in the 2024 budget, a few has really caught my eyes and I would like to focus on namely the second thrust: stimulating regional and rural development; the fifth thrust, strengthening human capital and talent development; and the seventh thrust, promoting environmental sustainability.

Stimulating Regional and Rural Development

Tuan Speaker, stimulating regional and rural development, firstly I would like to commend the State GPS Government in ensuring greater urban-rural economic integration. I am intrigued on seeing how this integration can take place, being a representative for a semi rural constituency, like Tanjong Datu. Thus, representing a constituency like Tanjong Datu, which is heralded to be a tourism area, I would love to see basic infrastructure projects in my area to be expedited. Under the water supply and electricity programmes, I believe a sum of 156 million will be allocated in 2024. My neighbour here, Honourable Member from N.1 Opar and I had wished that the 50 millions of liters per day (MLD) Sebandi Water Treatment Plant to be included or approved under the mid-term review of the 12th Malaysia Plan, with this project approved, Tuan Speaker, I believe there would be no more water woes in both our constituencies. Secondly, particularly under the electricity programme, my Constituency has been facing constant blackout problems to this date and this incident would

also affect the TELCO lines on the area. This is because the equipments on the towers are also powered by the same line. I hope the Government can look into this issue and maybe increase the power load to my area as there are many Government as well as private projects coming into my area. And I don't want to see these issues to be a deterrent for investors to come to my Constituency as we need much of these investments being a tourism hotspot.

Strengthening Human Capital and Talent Development

Tuan Speaker, strengthening human capital and talent development, Tuan Speaker, based on global data done by the Institute of Management Research from Radboud University, Sarawak's Human Development Index is ranked at number 13 at 0.737, only above Sabah. And this is a cause for concern as we are heading towards a developed State come 2030. Education is often referred to as the great equaliser: It can open the doors to jobs, resources, and skills that help a person not only to survive, but thrive. In fact, according to UNESCO, if all students in low-income countries have basic reading skills an estimated 171 million people could escape extreme poverty. If all adults completed secondary education, we could cut the global poverty rate by more than half. I applaud Yang Amat Berhormat Premier for his efforts particularly on enhancing quality of education, providing educational assistance programmes as well as initiatives to mitigate cost of living pressures with regard to education. It would be a dream to achieve the status of one household one graduate, or maybe more than one graduate! If this can be achieved, we will have more that 300,000 graduates if we base it on the most recent census in 2020, where Sarawak has 347,000 households. Our aim to provide free tertiary education is a massive target and I'm sure we can well achieve with the prudent spending efforts by the administration. With all these initiatives and assistances, we have to increase our efforts and play our part to promoting education among our children and our youth.

Environmental Sustainability

Tuan Speaker, promoting environmental sustainability, this budget has touched on promoting Environmental Sustainability by continuing programmes, such as Forest Landscape Restoration, totally protected area and wildlife protection and management among others. I am particularly interested in these two programmes as my Constituency has an abundance of mangrove swamps. These mangrove swamps has proven to be a priceless resource in our landscape as it is a very effective carbon sink and to be a very good deterrent for coastal erosion. It is my desire, that more mangrove can be replanted in my area, mainly in Sampadi to ensure the continuity and to maintain the greenery in the area. In addition, this relates to the second point which is Totally Protected Areas (TPA). I praise the Government's efforts to further designate one million hectares of our landmass by 2025. This is indeed a mammoth task but I'm sure it is achievable. With regard to this matter as well, the mangrove swamp area in Sampadi would be an excellent area for the relevant departments to consider to be included as a totally protected area. In addition, to this programmes certain areas in my Constituency also can be considered under programmes such as Heart of Borneo or Sarawak Delta Geopark.

Tuan Speaker, on the same matter of environmental sustainability, I express my utmost approval of the Government Plans to building a sustainable and green economy. I am in full support of the energy transition policy which aims to make certain the State and people have safe, clean, economical and efficient energy that is reliable. I also would like to congratulate all GPS members of this august House who has debated our two groundbreaking Bills yesterday, namely the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Bill, 2023 and the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2023. This shows the Government's seriousness in reducing our carbon footprint and make this world a greener place and provide a clean future for our children.

In conclusion, Tuan Speaker, these are my short and simple views of the Supply Bill which I see is a game changer budget and it requires the effort from all of, the executive, the administration, the civil service, all the *wakil rakyat* and even the *rakyat* too, to ensure this budget achieves its target so it's benefits can be felt by all. With that, I would like to support this Supply (2024) Bill, 2023. Thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Yang Berhormat bagi Tanjong Datu. Next, I would like to call Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan.

YB Encik Baru Bian: Tuan Speaker, thank you for allowing me to take part in this debate pertaining to the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023. I'll go directly into the issues pertaining to my Constituency of Ba'Kelalan.

Application for Native Status

Tuan Speaker, recently, the Premier said that children with one native parent will automatically be granted native status, and that the requirement to apply for recognition is only for statistical purposes. However, the Deputy Minister in the Sarawak Premier's Office (Law, MA63 and State-Federal Relations) had said that *"Any child born into inter-marriage between a Sarawak native and a non-native is not (automatically) native. He or she has to apply for it if they wish to be recognised as a Sarawak Native."*

Tuan Speaker, moreover, the Resident of Kuching, Norleha Shariff had said that applications submitted at the District Office would be sent to the Department of the Premier of Sarawak for approval at monthly meetings chaired by the State Secretary before a certificate is issued to the applicant.

These seemingly contradictory statements have caused confusion among the native community. Is recognition automatic or do the applications have to go through a vetting process? If it is automatic as the Premier said, it would be much simpler and more straight forward for the applications to be processed at the District Offices. In my view Tuan Speaker, it is unnecessary to have another layer to vet and approve, more so, at the Premier's Office. Many Sarawakians have waited a long time for this, and we should not make it difficult for them now.

In Sabah, the Interpretation (Definition of Native) Ordinance, 1952 provides that those who satisfy the requirements to be recognised as natives must apply for the appropriate declaration made by a Native Court under Section 3 in the form of a Native Certificate or *Sijil Anak Negeri*. The Chief Minister's office is not involved in such matters. Similarly in Sarawak, issuance of Native Status certificates need to be a function of the Premier's Office. Need not be a function of the Premier's Office. There should be just one stop at the District Office for such applications.

Tuan Speaker, some parties say they are worried about abuse of the system, that if there is an absence of tight control, anyone might be able to obtain native status. However, I do not agree, as applicants have to fulfil certain criteria in order to qualify. They must have a parent who is a native. That should not be difficult to prove or disprove. The District Office can easily verify the native status of applicants from their birth certificates, and the marriage licenses and birth certificates of their parents.

Another issue which has not been discussed is the status of newborn babies of parents, one of whom is a native. Will they be automatically registered as native in their birth certificates or will they have to go through the application process in the future? This is an issue which many young couples would like to have clarification on.

Tuan Speaker, one last issue is the RM100 application fee. It is an astronomical sum for many people. Why should these applicants be burdened with a heavy payment to obtain something which is theirs by right? Imagine a family of three or four or children having to come up with the money just for the application fee. What if they are struggling to make ends meet? This fee would be the last thing they can afford.

Tuan Speaker, for comparison, a marriage certificate in Malaysia only costs RM30. There is no fee for a birth certificate if babies are registered within 60 days of birth. Perhaps the Government feels this fee is justified considering that the applications have to go through the District Office and

also the Premier's Office. In which case, just dispense of one level of the process, which I had already said is unnecessary. It is just additional bureaucracy which I can foresee will cause delays to applications because the State Secretary or his team will have other pressing matters to attend to. I hope the Government will see fit to simplify the process and lower the fees to a reasonable sum.

CORRUPTION AT BA'KELALAN BORDER

Tuan Speaker, in June this year, I received complaints from two Long Bawan District Officers who had come to Sarawak with a delegation to attend the Lun Bawang Festival, that some of them were asked to pay money to the GOF (General Operations Force) personnel manning the border. These were legitimate visitors who had complete and proper inter-border documents (Pas Lintas Batas) when they passed through the checkpoint. They were asked to pay between RM200 to RM1,000, but there have been incidents in the past where the personnel allegedly asked for up to RM1,500, which the person paid. There are also instances where upon leaving, some of the rations bought in Lawas were also taken by these personnel at the border.

Tuan Speaker, one of the officers said that the rules on which items were allowed and not allowed to be brought to Indonesia also appeared to change according to who was manning the border, which is confusing, because there are times certain items are allowed, but other times not allowed.

Tuan Speaker, there have been numerous complaints about incidents like this for many years, but no action has been taken to stop it. This ugly practice gives our Indonesian neighbours an extremely negative perception of Sarawak and deters them from visiting us.

Tuan Speaker, I understand that the State authorities had conducted an investigation into this June incident I referred to earlier and I would like to know the outcome of the investigation. We need people of integrity who are honest and sincere to man our border posts. Corrupt officers who bully our visitors must be dealt with severely to clean up the GOF. I am extremely disappointed that whilst we are aiming to be an efficient administration with the SDG in mind, we are being let down by officers who abuse their positions to enrich themselves.

DAMS

Tuan Speaker, I wish to ask the Premier whether the decision has been made to go ahead with the construction of the Trusan Dam and the Baram Dam. At the last sitting of this Dewan in May, the Honourable Deputy Minister of Utility and Telecommunications in reply to my question had said that Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB) was still reviewing the feasibility of the project. He added that the Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) would only be conducted if this project was found feasible for implementation.

But, Tuan Speaker, less than two weeks ago, there was a report that Petroliam Nasional Bhd (PETRONAS), Cahya Mata Sarawak Bhd and Gamuda Bhd are strong contenders for the construction of the Trusan and Baram Dams, and that the Sarawak Government intends to build these two dams.

Will the Government update this Dewan on the latest status of these two dams? The people affected do not want dams to be built after learning of the bad experiences of those villagers in the Batang Ai, Bakun and Murum areas whose ancestral homes and their way of life were lost with the flooding of their villages.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to remind the Dewan that the construction of the Baram dam was called off by the former Chief Minister of Sarawak, the late Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Datuk Amar Adenan Satem, in March 2016, saying, *"There's no need to have another big dam. We can have mini dams and so on, but not a big dam especially when we don't supply (power) to west Malaysia anymore."*

SMK Long Semadoh

Tuan Speaker, the people of Lawas have received good news that the Government is including Long Semadoh in the planning of new secondary schools, known as Sekolah Model Khas Komprehensif 11 or K11 schools, to cater for primary and secondary years. A survey form has been circulated asking for the views of the residents on whether to build on the land where the current primary school is situated, or on a separate plot of land measuring almost 20 hectares.

I have spoken to many of my Constituents and their decision is unanimous - they have waited 20 years for this, and they want the new school to be built on the land acquired as the present site is too small, i.e. only around three hectares. Since there is a larger piece of land available and acquired, the school should be built there. This need for the school must have been apparent when the plan for the new school was announced and land acquired in 2003, and I hope that priority will be given to it, considering that the initial announcement was made 20 years ago.

The people still remember that during the election campaign in 2016, the Federal Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water had informed the people of Lawas that the Prime Minister had approved RM35 million for the construction of this proposed SMK Long Semadoh. We hope that the Government will go ahead quickly with the school so that the children do not have to be sent to boarding schools far away from their parents at such an early age or in their life.

Internet

The internet and telecommunications network in the rural part of my Constituency has been unstable and intermittent. This causes great inconvenience for the villagers, and they are extremely concerned in case there are emergencies or urgent situations. I am requesting the authorities concerned to look into this immediately and send their team to rectify the problem.

Electricity and Water

Tuan Speaker, the people in Lawas town are still experiencing problems with the supply of electricity and water. These are issues that I have repeatedly brought up in this Dewan. I am requesting the Minister to expedite the solutions to these problems so that the residents will have regular and uninterrupted supply of water and grid electricity.

PROBLEMS WITH VARIOUS APPLICATIONS

Program Perumahan Rakyat Termiskin (PPRT)

There are complaints from the applicants that they are not updated on their applications and in certain cases, their applications have been lost after submission. Residents in the highlands Ba'Kelalan, Long Semadoh, Long Sukang are not interested in or unable to benefit from this scheme because of the long distance from the town and no contractors are willing to take on the projects because of high costs. What is the advice from the Ministry in charge on this matter?

BELB (Bekalan Elektrik Luar Bandar)

Tuan Speaker, many applicants are still waiting for their applications to be approved, and in some cases, for years. How can the relevant Ministry assist to improve the situation?

E-Kasih

These applications are also taking a long time to be approved. Some of the applicants have been waiting for years for some assistance from the Government. Officers should go to the *kampung* to identify those who are eligible and who need help from the Government.

Online Gaming

In Lawas town, you easily notice that certain convenience stores and sundry shops are operating online gaming and illegal gambling in their premises. I hope the authorities will take this matter seriously and put a stop to these activities.

Lastly, Tuan Speaker, may I wish all Christians in and outside this august House a Blessed Christmas and to all a Happy New Year. May God bless Sarawak now and forevermore.

Much obliged, Tuan Speaker. Thank you.

Tuan Speaker: Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Ba'Kelalan. I don't have any indication who's next to speak. Is there anybody, Members for this august House who wish to speak? One.. two… okay. Ahli Yang Berhormat bagi Pujut, *please.*

YB Encik Adam Yii Siew Sang: Thank you, Tuan Speaker. Thank you for granting me this opportunity to debate on this Supply (2024) Bill, 2023.

Sarawak Economy

For first of all, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulation to Yang Amat Berhormat Premier of Sarawak, Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, and the Sarawak GPS Government in successfully achieving a record-breaking State revenue collection with a projected amount of RM12.718 billion in 2023 compared to RM11.91 billion in 2022, and maintaining a positive growth despite all the macro and micro economic challenges after the COVID-19 pandemic. This success is evident that the Post COVID Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 is indeed effective and I urge all Sarawakians to give our full support and have faith in our Yang Amat Berhormat Premier's leadership in steering our Sarawak economy forward.

Above all, I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all Sarawakians for their strong mandate given to the GPS Government in 2021. Political stability provides a conducive environment for economic growth, social development, and the general well-being of the *rakyat*. With the mandate bestowed upon the Sarawak Government, Sarawak becomes a clear choice for foreign investments, and it also enables the Sarawak Government to implement the necessary plans and strategies to develop the economy.

Not only has Sarawak continuously achieved positive growth in generating revenues, Sarawak has also been recognised as an excellent role model in the development of Green Economy. Sarawak's success has improved our reputation globally to be recognised as the Green-hub in ASEAN. This potentially further attracts quality investments, partnerships and collaborations from foreign countries, for example the MOU signed with Singapore to provide clean energy and others.

Education

Although Sarawak was recently recognised as a high-income State by the World Bank, the effort in talent development and retention of talents should be amplified. Therefore, I am here to express my utmost appreciation to Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Premier for that continuous efforts in providing education aid to the *rakyat* of Sarawak and also the endless efforts to improve the education quality in Sarawak including the goal to provide free higher education to *rakyat* in State-owned higher education institutions. Hopefully, in the near future under the extraordinary leadership of Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Premier, to regain the education autonomy so as to develop more quality local talents who are focused on being actual subject matter experts rather than adopting all the unnecessary political propagated issues.

Tuan Speaker, the whole world is suffering by the various unfortunate events, such as the pandemic COVID-19, Ukraine-Russia war, Israel-Palestine war, trade wars, and uncertainty in the global political environment, to further boost the economy and achieve the targeted household income of RM15,000 per household in 2030 as stated in PCDC 2030, we need to further diversify the source of income by encouraging more studies and investments domestically and internationally. We should continue to study, research and develop new innovative industries to create multiple sources of incomes, especially those which fall in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. I am delighted to see that these efforts in the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 before us, therefore I am fully confident that under the visionary leadership of our YAB Datuk Patinggi Premier, we can achieve this goal together.

Tuan Speaker, I would like to specifically comment on Three of the 12 Strategic Thrusts which framed the 2024 Budget:

1. Strategic Thrust Two: Stimulating Regional and Regional Development

I understand that the income gap in between urban and rural rakyat are still significant, hence the effort to balance the urban-rural development and achieving sustainable urban-rural integration as top priority in the Bill is highly welcomed.

We can see in the Bill before us, that the development in the rural areas does not only cover the basic infrastructures, but it also includes numerous economic developments which aim to improve the livelihood of our fellow Sarawakians who reside in the rural areas. With proper education, implementation and execution, coupled with the introduction of new mass crop technologies, it is evident that the GPS Government will not leave anyone behind in achieving this high household income goal.

For urban developments, I would like to give special emphasis to the total sum of RM83 million allocation under the 2024 budget for development of ports and maintenance dredging grants. Ports are extremely important as connectivity to the global in any kinds of domestic economic activities. As mentioned in the 1st DUN sitting for 2023 in May, I had mentioned about the importance of reviving of the Miri Port. Port is indeed the catalyst for economic developments. In the 1980s, when the Miri Port was still functioning as the main hub for the oil and gas offshore industries and supply base, businesses flourished and Miri prospered. I envision to see that happen again in the near future.

I would also like to thank YAB Datuk Patinggi Premier for allocating RM5 million for the implementation of smart buses for Miri City. With the return of the Shell Malaysia Upstream Headquarters to Miri Time Square in 2024, we anticipate much heavier traffic within the central business district (CBD) of Miri City. Hopefully with the implementation of smart buses, we would be able to disperse the traffic entering CBD by encouraging the public to take the buses instead.

Miri is known as a resort city, and the recent announcement by AirAsia to cease to operate direct flights between Miri and Singapore is most unfortunate. I urge Transport Ministry Sarawak and Transport Ministry Malaysia to ensure that there is adequate direct flights between Miri and Singapore to cater to the demands by the oil and gas industries and tourism industry, as it is also more also, that the flight route is the only international link for Miri.

I look forward to the coming of Sarawak own airline as soon as possible. Only then we may be better served as far as our tourism development aspiration is concerned. And also, to ensure reasonable air ticket prices at all times, especially during school holidays and festive seasons.

2. Strategic Thrust Eleven: Combating Poverty and enhance people's wellbeing

It is always a good investment when we invest in the development of people and create a large pool of productive and resourceful human capital. As the old saying goes: *"Don't give a poor man fish, but teach him to fish".*

The only sustainable way to resolve poverty from the root is to renew ones' mind, give them a purpose in their life, reengineer their attitude, behaviour and character, and provide them with a skill for life and ultimately, a job placement with a decent income. Having said that, we cannot depend on the general labourers' wage to get them above the poverty line. Therefore, development of new industries such as innovative technologies, green and sustainable technologies and so on need to be introduced.

Under Budget 2024, allocation of RM105 million for the implementation of 17 affordable housing projects involving 1,481 units throughout Sarawak. Besides providing affordable houses, the Government also provides end-financing facilities and others assistance. We are glad to find the multiple efforts the Sarawak Government has introduced to ensure that our *rakyat* not only have a roof over their heads, but everyone can at least have a chance to own a proper house or a decent abode, be it in the urban or the rural area.

Housing affordability globally is a major issue amongst the younger generation, and for the lower income group, many can barely be bold enough to dream of owning a house where they can call it their home. So, Sarawak are truly blessed.

3. Strategic Thrust Twelve: Enhancing Government Capacity and Service Delivery

It is obvious that YAB Datuk Patinggi Premier is very serious about his reform efforts to build a more responsive and effective public civil service.

This does not in any way condemns our current public servants as being incompetent, but as we can see from the wording from YAB Datuk Patinggi Premier, he aims to build and expand the capacity of our public servants, to be even more competent and qualified. This shows trust and faith of our YAB Datuk Patinggi Premier in our public servants that they are able to reach new heights after attending training programmes at renowned higher learning institutions.

As the Mayor of Miri City as well, I welcome this initiative with wide open arms. Indeed, our public servants have so much potentials in them and they need to be developed to their fullest potentials. The public servants are key drivers to the development of our State. It is our Sarawak Civil Services are willing to dedicate themselves to enhance job performance and boost productivity, I am confident that 2024 would be another record-breaking year for our beloved Sarawak.

"Good governance" and *"reformation"* is not just a slogan to shout during the election campaigns, but it is the commitment to deliver good governance and reformation that brings about constructive changes, and today we all bear witness of that commitment in our YAB Datuk Patinggi Premier and his administration.

Tuan Speaker, in conclusion, the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 is a holistic and inclusive budget, true to its theme *"Development for All: Building a Prosperous, Sustainable and United Sarawak"*.

This is our unwavering promise to the Rakyat of Sarawak. *"Sarawak First!".*

Hence, I support the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023. Thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat Pujut. It seems that I don't have anyone from the Ahli Yang Berhormat to speak today, I think, that's about it today. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, dua tiga kucing berlari, esok kita jumpa lagi. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the Sitting is now adjourned… *(Interruption)…* You came a bit too late. Okay, I think, *ya* we still have time, we still have time. We'll listen to Kota Sentosa right. Ahli Yang Berhormat Kota Sentosa, please.

YB Encik Yap Yau Sin: Thank you, Tuan Speaker for the opportunity to deliver my speech in this august House and for the opportunity to be the voice of the people of Kota Sentosa and to meet the highest standards of service required for their benefit and progress.

Tuan Speaker, I hope the remarks made by the Member from Padungan when he sarcastically said that Sarawak is rich but the people are poor were not made to belittle the efforts made by this GPS Government because this Sarawak Budget for 2024 *"Walks the Talk"* being people-centric with emphasis on development and education where no one is left out.

This GPS budget as in previous GPS budgets balances the hard and soft infrastructure which are both important to determine the path and trajectory of the development of Sarawak and continues to strengthen the foundation of an advanced knowledge and skills based vibrant economy which open doors to higher paying jobs giving maximum positive impacts across the broad spectrum of our society. This budget takes up the challenge to achieve a well-balanced income and wealth distribution towards the overall population of Sarawak. There is a saying "*Rome was not built in one day"* and I hope the DAP understands the meaning of constructive criticisms.

Tuan Speaker, the key focus of the Sarawak GPS Government under the Post COVID Development Strategy 2030 is for economic prosperity, social inclusivity and a sustainable environment come 2030. Many advanced and rich cities and states do have their fair share of the poor and needy. I hope the Member from Padungan understands that there is no quick formula for success and a better tomorrow.

It is a continuous process of little steps that Sarawak must take every day towards 2030, from ensuring a responsible budget every year through prudent consumption, savings and investments, empowering our youths through quality education, continuous lifelong/ upskilling training and upgrading opportunities for our civil service and the greater public at large, for greater innovation and efficiency to revolutionizing environmental sustainability practices, all while fostering a culture where the voice and effort of every Sarawakian truly matters and every Sarawakian thrives.

Tuan Speaker, since the concept of ESG (environmental, social and governance) took off a few years ago, the Sarawak Government has responded by formulating and are still developing regulatory requirements as well as investor (both foreign and domestic) demands to integrate ESG considerations into its policies. Of course, the Sarawak GPS Government are on the right track but the journey is still long.

Over the years, the Sarawak Government through the leadership of YAB Premier, member from Gedong have consistently introduced cutting edge technology (e.g Sustainable Aviation Fuel, Hydrogen as a fuel for our Autonomous Rapid Transit) and innovative sustainability solutions, e.g Carbon Storage in Sarawak's Depleted Oil Fields as a source of income and proposed joint private sector development with the Sarawak Government of our hydro resources through cascading hydro-power dams which is more environmentally friendly into its development strategy that has and will positively impact the environment, enhance energy efficiency, foster social cohesion and promote overall well-being of all *"anak Sarawak".* The objective under GPS has always been that no Sarawakian should be left behind.

Tuan Speaker, there is still much to learn especially as standards and expectations will shift. Challenges, old and new, remain as Sarawak try to navigate its path into a low-carbon, sustainable and equitable economy. However, amid our goals, it is necessary to stop, look back and celebrate the wins, however, small or big and use those insights to plot the way forward. This is because the scrutiny on Sarawak Government's ESG actions will likely increase going forward, as the impacts of climate change, social and economic inequalities spur our younger generation who are getting more educated to demand more action.

Tuan Speaker, to ensure that the Sarawak Government achieves its goals of environmental sustainability in its quest for economic prosperity, the Sarawak Government have to do more on enforcement, *I repeat "enforcement"* and transparency in the form of credible annual reporting where the veracity of sustainability reports are audited or more frequent due diligence environmental reports for the various stakeholders. We can have the best laws, regulations and policies on environmental sustainability but it will amount to nothing if there is no enforcement for compliance.

Tuan Speaker, I suggest that the Sarawak Government should formulate and implement more *"stick & carrot"* policies with the appropriate penalties for non-compliance and favourable incentives for all stakeholders to speed up our ESG objectives. One such area that the Sarawak Government can consider looking into are incentives or subsidies for homeowners who participate in programs like installation of solar panels for electricity generation with excess power during the day sold to Sarawak Energy Berhad's main grid and by night time, when there is no sunlight, the homeowners can buy back. With the right policy and incentives, every house in Sarawak can be installed with a solar panel and can become a mini-independent power producer.

Tuan Speaker, studies have shown that property development and construction produce high carbon emissions. If the government incentivizes the developer or homeowner, then they can be educated on the benefits of living in a green building. It will encourage developers and homeowners to go green and sustainable living will eventually become the new norm. In short, Sarawak needs to continue refining and improving its policies, guidelines and incentives to create an enabling environment for sustainable construction and property development.

Tuan Speaker, access to the best quality education continues to be a priority for this Sarawak GPS Government. Recently, a major concern of the public has been about the absence of a standardized examination to measure student's performance at the primary school level since the abolishment of Ujian Pencapaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR) in 2021. Without any standardized public examination, no one can actually accurately assess whether the students are of the required standard as the current classroom based assessment depends very much upon the objectivity and professionalism of the teachers concerned. As such a standardized examination which is applicable to all students would help to give a better guide in assessing their standard at the end of their primary education before they move on to secondary school.

Tuan Speaker, the Sarawak GPS Government is aware of the problem as can be seen from the recent statement from the Sarawak Education, Innovation and Talent Minister who said that Sarawak is working to create and implement its own assessment examination for Primary Six students in light of the current Dual Language Program implemented in Sarawak where it will help identify areas for improvement and early intervention.

Tuan Speaker, without going into specifics, there have been many misguided policies and guidelines made by the Federal Ministry of Education to the detriment of Sarawak. Till to date, education is still under the purview and power of the Federal Ministry of Education. As such, I call upon the Sarawak GPS Government to speed up the process of our own education autonomy, or the power on education is devolved back to Sarawak as we know what is better for Sarawakians and it would also allow Sarawak to plan its education policies to be on the right track with our human capital and manpower requirements in line with Sarawak's vision and mission for the development and progress of Sarawak.

Tuan Speaker, it is a known and indisputable fact that tourism boost a country's economy by creating many new job openings for the local people. Tourists spend money on a wide range of services and yields additional income supporting the local economy. Tourism can lead to economic development through direct and indirect effects. Direct effects include revenue generation which creates business opportunities that thrive on money earned from tourism. It would be appropriate that the various communities in the constituency of Kota Sentosa should also be able to participate and benefit from the positive and social impacts of the tourism industry.

Tuan Speaker, there is a quarry known as Stabar Quarry which is now no longer in operation in Kota Sentosa. I propose that the Sarawak Government carry out a study for a rejuvenation and beautification project to transform this Stabar Quarry which is just a walking distance from Kota Sentosa Commercial area into a public park, with sports and public gathering facilities to serve as a tourist attraction. This Stabar Quarry has a history having produced quarry stones to implement road and other projects since the 1950s and the development of this disused quarry will transform Kota Sentosa into a diversified tourist area with various infrastructure for recreation activities for everyone.

This proposed development of a tourism attraction if it comes to fruition will stimulate the local economy by creating more business and employment opportunities which will benefit the local communities of Kota Sentosa immensely.

Tuan Speaker, the current Federal Minister of Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) is from the DAP. The allocation from KPKT to Padawan Municipal Council for 2022 is RM2,270,000 and for 2023 is RM1,696,250. For Kuching South City Council, the allocation from Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan is RM330,000.00 for 2022 and RM4,274,500.00 for 2023. The Member from Padungan was the former three term ADUN for Kota Sentosa and two term current MP for Stampin.

I would ask the member from Padungan whether he knows or he does not know or he ignores that there are numerous unsatisfactory infrastructure some of which have been in existence for more than 10 years that have not been resolved that requires federal development funding for rectification in Kota Sentosa which is a part of Stampin and what efforts he had made during his 22 months as Deputy Minister and what he's doing, what he is going to do to secure more federal funding for Kota Sentosa for rectification of all these unsatisfactory unfrastructure.

Tuan Speaker, flash flooding are issues of concern for the residents of Stampin Resettlement Scheme, Federal Government Quarters, Jalan Burung Durian, Taman Happy Valley, Jalan Luis, Off Jalan Tun Jugah and Taman Borneo Garden, Off Jalan Lapangan Terbang. I first highlighted the matter in this august House last year and today, I am pleased to express my sincere thanks to the Government for allocation of the development funds for the flood mitigation projects to be carried out by Sarawak Drainage & Irrigation Department to resolve the flash flood issues mentioned. I hope that the implementation of these projects can be speeded up with realistic timelines and without further delays so that the benefits can be delivered to the residents who have long suffered much hardship every time a flash flood occurs.

Tuan Speaker, my observation shows that there still exists problems of project implementation delays in my constituency of Kota Sentosa due to bureaucratic red tape especially those involving federal and Sarawak government agencies. On a bigger picture, I propose that the Sarawak Government together with the Federal Government sit down together and re-look and re-evaluate the institutional and organizational structure of the implementation processes which involves Sarawak and Federal bureaucracy. Any duplicity of the same function by different Federal and Sarawak departments needs to be looked into to reduce red tape. It is timely for the Federal and Sarawak Government to consider re-looking at certain focus areas of administrative system improvement, supervision strengthening, performance implementation, competency and accountability for the quality of public services improvement and delivery with emphasis on efficiency, effectiveness, professionalism by delivery of public goods and services. I hope to see a transformed bureaucracy that is adaptive, responsive, flexible and focused. In line with Sarawak's vision of developed status by 2030, precise and committed efforts from all civil servants are essential.

Tuan Speaker, with that I support the Supply (2024) Bill, 2023 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Christians a Happy and Merry Christmas. Thank you.

Timbalan Speaker: Thank you, Ahli Yang Berhormat Kota Sentosa. This one is for sure, *dua tiga kucing berlari, esok kita mesyuarat lagi*. Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat, the sitting is now adjourned, and House shall resume the sitting at 9.00 a.m. tomorrow, Insya-ALLAH.

(Mesyuarat ditangguhkan pada pukul 3.44 petang)