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A Definition of Statutory Terms



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I am happy to write a foreword to this book — as encouragement to Malaysian Law Publishers in their effort to publish local material, of which there is still a shortage, helpful to judges, lawyers and other members of the profession.

Lawyers are familiar with the peculiar and limited purposes of statutory definitions. We know that they are to assist only in interpreting the particular statute in which they appear and no more. When a Legal Adviser to the Government of Pahang tabled a draft bill, often much time was consumed in arguments about the meaning of words in interpretation clauses, some legislators thinking that the definitions therein were either too narrow or too wide, not an interpretation clause was not a dictionary for all purposes.

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I hope that legislators reading this book will no longer fall into that error

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