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REPORT SHOWS NO DEVIATION IN MARA BUT ONLY WEAKNESSES

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- The Mara management and financial audit does not show any irregularity but there are a few weaknesses that need improvement, Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said today.

"We will wait for the report findings to be announced by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim," he said when winding up the debate for his ministry on the Seventh Malaysian Plan in the Dewan Rakyat.

He said Anwar was also expected to announce the supplementary allocation to Mara to strengthen the agency financial status.

Mara, was previously reported to be facing financial problems to te extent that it had to reduce several activities including financing students overseas and local scholarships.

Following this, the cabinet had directed the ministry to conduct an investigation into the agency's finances and management.

He said the investigation report was handed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri dr Mahathir Mohamad and Anwar not long ago.

When met by reporters outside the Dewan, Mustapa said the irregularity he meant in his winding up speech was regarding the audit report done by an audit firm which found that there was no corruption or breach of trust.

Asked what he meant by weaknesses, he said "wait for the details to be announced by the Deputy Prime Minister."

Meanwhile, at the senate, his deputy, Idris Jusoh, when winding up the motion of thanks to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for his opening speech, said Anwar was expected to announce the report findings tomorrow. -- Bernama

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