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GDP revision `long overdue`

PETALING JAYA, Thurs. - DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang today described the move by the Government to revise the present projected Gross Domestic Product growth rate for this year as "long overdue."

"Any delay on the Government's part to come up with more realistic projections of the economic growth will reflect poorly on the nation's economic and financial management," he said during a Press conference at the party headquarters.

He said this delay would make it more difficult to restore national and international confidence in the country's economy.

"Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim should not only make public the Government's latest revised estimates for the GDP growth for this year, but also it's projections for the GDP growth for the second, third and fourth quarters," he said.

Lim also said he had given notice to Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamad Zahir Ismail to put in several oral questions for the next Parliament session beginning Monday.

Lim will put forward a question to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on whether it was true that Datuk Soh Chee Wen had lodged a police report against MCA president Datuk Seri Ling Liong Sik which was posted in the Internet.

He will also question Dr Mahathir about the progress of the Anti-Corruption Agency's investigation on former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib and others.

Lim has also given notice to move a motion on Monday for a full accounting of the problems which occurred at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and the remedies taken.

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