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Asked about Anwar's statement at the Umno General Assembly in June that the Treasury was likely to issue a list of the names of recipients of projects and shares, Mustapa said he did not know anything about that.

"I don't know yet what to do (but) in whatever I do I will be guided by the directive of the Prime Minister.

"If there are important issues I will certainly need to discuss with the Prime Minister. Right now I don't have any agenda, I just want to help (Dr Mahathir)," he said.

Mustapa is not new to the Finance Ministry. He served there as assistant secretary in 1974 and in 1984 was appointed special assistant to then Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin.

In 1991, Mustapa was made a senator and appointed the ministry's parliamentary secretary before being promoted as its deputy minister in 1994.

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