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Ministers should protest support for quota increase: Kit Siang

KUALA LUMPUR. Mon: MCA ministers should protest against Education Minister-Tan Sri Musa Mohamed's support of a proposal to increase the bumiputra university quota from 55% to 66%.

They should also find out whether intakes of bumiputras over the past 25 years have exceeded 55%, a quota

which can only be altered via collective agreement by all ministers, said DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang.

"MCA ministers should censure or at least ask for an apology from Musa at Wednesday's cabinet meeting for breaching the principle of collective responsibility of ministers, in going out of line by personally support-

ing the proposal to increase the bumiputra university quota from 55:45 to 66:34," he said today.

Lim said Musa's support for the increase contradicts Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement recently that the ministry should, strictly adhere to the current quota, an? that seats not filled by

bumiputras should be given to non-bumiputras.

Yesterday, DAP secretary-general Kerk Kim Hock said in a statement that statistics in the first and second National Economic Consultative Council reports show that intakes of bumiputras over the past 20 years comprised 65.9% the total enrolment.