

# ***MPs submit nearly 1,000 questions***

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Almost 1,000 questions have been submitted by the MPs for the two-month Parliament meeting which begins today, with a majority of them focusing on the "hot" ministries of Education, Home Affairs, Finance and the Prime Minister's Department.

Issues handled by these Big Four appear to be among the prime concerns of the 193 MPs.

These include the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English, the Election Commission's delineation exercise, the deportation exercise of illegal immigrants and the sale of water to Singapore.

"About 100 MPs had submitted their questions, in which almost every opposition MP had something to ask," said a Barisan MP.

Among the Bills due to be tabled which are rather contentious are the Election Offences Bill and the Academy of Law Bill.

With the controversy over phan-

tom or import voters, the debates on the Election Offences Bill is likely to generate heat in the Dewan Rakyat.

DAP acting secretary-general Chong Eng said she could foresee that the issue of phantom voters and the proposed new electoral boundaries would draw much attention from MPs.

"Another issue that we are very keen on is the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English," she said.

One Bill that would be tabled for first reading on the first week is the Supplementary Supply Bill. The amount of funds being sought for is not known yet, even by the MPs.

As with past practices, the annual Budget would be tabled, this being the final meeting of the Parliament's fourth term.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver the Budget speech on Sept 20. PAS has voiced its intention of tabling its own Budget to rival that of the Government's.