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PM's children not involved in supply of laptops

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's children are not listed as board members or owners of any of the 10 companies supplying some 48,639 laptops to schools.

Education Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Mahadzir Mohd Khir said this in response to a question by Hassan Mohamed (Pas-Besut) who wanted a clarification on this issue.

Mahadzir said the companies were Apex Communications Sdn Bhd, IGIV Technology Sdn Bhd, Metronics Engineering Sdn Bhd, MHS Resources Sdn Bhd, Mimos Smart Computing Sdn Bhd, Nuinfra Consolidated Sdn Bhd, Primabumi Sdn Bhd, Saluran Fajar Sdn Bhd, SJA Trade & Services Sdn Bhd and Stack Integrator Sdn Bhd.

Wan Nik Wan Yusoff (Pas-Bachok) posed a supplementary question on teachers not given specific courses to handle the technology and also that the laptops were too sensitive and required costly maintenance.

Mahadzir replied that the Government provided RM5,000 and RM10,000 for each primary school and secondary school respectively to maintain the laptops.

To another supplementary question by Datuk Kamaruddin Jaafar (Pas-Tumpat) on what brands of laptops were used in light of the millions spent to acquire them, Mahadzir said he would provide the information in writing.