

PM's overseas trips cost RM44mil in five years

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PARLIAMENT Overseas trips taken by Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and his entourage over the past five years cost a total of RM44.1 million, Parliament was told today.

NONE In a written reply to Nga Kor Ming (DAP-Taiping), Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Shahidan Kassim said that was for trips taken from March 2008 to May 2013.

However, when asked if this may include the spending of former prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, as he was only succeeded by Najib on April 3, 2009, Nga said he believes this was all Najib's spending.

"Maybe it includes his spending when he was deputy prime minister," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby.

Nga had asked how much the prime minister had spent on overseas trips for himself and his entourage during the above-mentioned period.

According to the MP further, this works out to RM734,516.67 a month and was higher than what Abdullah had spent in his time.

"During Pak Lah's term, it was just over RM30 million in five years," he said, referring to Abdullah by his nickname.

Nga (left, in photo) said it is now imperative for Najib to explain what he used the money for and if the outcome of those trips had made it a justified expenditure.

"All Malaysians are entitled to know," he said.

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