

'PM buys RM1 chicken but Rosmah's flight RM400k'
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Seremban MP Anthony Loke has taken Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to task for his publicity stunt on buying a whole chicken for RM1, pointing out that his wife Rosmah Mansor on the other hand cost the rakyat RM400,000 for her flight to Qatar last year.

"Where are Najib's morals when he searches for RM1 chickens but his wife is excessively spending government funds?" Loke told a press conference at the Parliament lobby today.

Loke made the remarks after receiving a written reply from Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Shahidan Kassim regarding the cost of Rosmah's flight to Qatar on a government jet.

According to the written reply, RM196,614.31 was spent on fuel and RM229,875.15 for navigational, flight and agent's cost which came to a total of RM426,489.46.

However, the written reply had erroneously added the figures together to total RM349,489.46.

Rosmah was in Qatar to attend the 4th Qatar International Business Women Forum.

Loke said the flight with a government jet was a waste as even a business class to-and-fro flight on Qatar Airways would only cost RM13,205.00.

"Even if the prime minister's wife were to bring 10 people with her, it would not even hit RM400,000," he said.

On Monday, Najib had bought one of 1,000 whole chickens at NSK supermarket which was sold at an offer price of RM1.

The premier had deflected criticism of the rising cost of goods, urging consumers to find good deals like he did.