

DAP reps surf into DPM's 'beach holiday'
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Two DAP MPs, who previously questioned Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin's working trip to Dubai earlier this year, have now raised doubts regarding his working trip to Australia in 2012.

Steven Sim (Bukit Mertajam - right in photo) and Zairil Khir Johari (Bukit Bendera - left in photo) said similar to the Dubai trip, which they said was filled with private programmes as opposed to official work, the Australia trip also included minimal official work.

"It appears that the Dubai trip was not an isolated case, but Muhyiddin has a tendency for such extravagant working visits," Zairil said.

Muhyiddin travelled to Australia between Nov 10 to 18 in 2012, and four last days of the trip was spent at the Gold Coast in Brisbane, a popular tourist destination.

The last four days involved minimal programmes, including one full day for private programmes.

During the stay in Gold Coast, Muhyiddin and his entourage of 17 members were stationed in a luxurious five star hotel called the Hilton Surfer's Paradise Hotel.

None of his entourage members were from the Education Ministry.

"Is this because the DPM does not trust his ministry officials, or is this because the trip to Gold Coast was nothing more than a glorified 'company trip' for his staffers?" Zairil asked.

Sim, meanwhile, criticised the government for insisting on taking action against civil servants who leak out secrets instead of investigating any ministers.

"Why should Malaysians pay for our ministers' leisurely holidays at the beach while ordinary Malaysians are forced to face inflation and increasing income disparity?" he said.

The documents, according to the MPs, were obtained from the same whistleblower website where they obtained documents regarding Muhyiddin's Dubai trip.