

'PM in Parliament for only 26 days out of 358'
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak attended Parliament sittings for a total of only 26 days since taking office in April 2009, a DAP MP revealed today.

Demanding that the prime minister make his presence more felt in the Lower House, Bakri MP Er Teck Hwa said Najib's attendance only amounted to 7 percent out of the total 358 days that Parliament has sat since 2009.

Er (right) had proposed an adjournment speech on the prime minister's poor attendance but this rejected by Parliament Secretary Roosme Hamzah who said the matter was not "related to government administration".

Er now said that he plans to start a petition and collect signatures by at least one third of the MPs to lobby the House to establish a day specially for the prime minister to field questions from MPs.

He wants a session called 'Prime Minister's Questions' to be implemented.

"This is because current issues take place after written questions are submitted to the house secretary, and the issue could be left behind time," he said.

He said that the British House of Commons had been practising this since the 19th century to date.