

'Why are lobsters exempted from GST?'

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PKR's Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar today queried the government's rationale is exempting lobsters from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) but not exempting education and healthcare in the same vein.

Only selected books and medicines are zero rated under GST, which will be implemented in April 2015.

"How many of us eat lobsters on a daily basis? I know people in my constituency don't," Nurul Izzah said.

"This shows the disconnect between what the people actually want, as opposed to the government serving their own vested interests," he added.

She pointed out that the government has approved a lobster rearing program in Sabah.

"I'm sure we will find more surprises when we diligently go through the zero-rate and exempt lists. The fact that the government disregards the people's welfare and its willingness to tax even healthcare is evidence of its predatory nature," she said.

"It is sinful for the government to make revenue out of knowledge and health," she added.

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