

**Finance Ministry dodges 1MDB questions, again**  
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PARLIAMENT The Finance Ministry has again dodged questions on 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), this time citing secrecy provisions to avoid naming the local banks that released loans to the debt-laden company.

It also refused to reveal the impact on the capital adequacy ratio of each bank, should the 1MDB debt be classified as non-performing loans (NPL).

"All information relating to loans from banking institutions is subject to the secrecy provision of Central Bank of Malaysia Act 2009," the ministry said in a written reply to Parliament yesterday.

"As such, the government cannot comment specifically on the loan accounts or the financial institutions under the Act," the ministry told Mohamed Azmin Ali (PKR-Gombak).

Azmin, who is also Selangor menteri besar, asked the government to reveal all the banks that 1MDB owed debts to and the impact on the capital adequacy ratio of each bank should the 1MDB debt be classified as NPL.

Prior to this, the ministry also dodged questions on media reports quoting anonymous sources, citing the parliamentary standing order.

Whistleblower Sarawak Report has filed several reports on 1MDB quoting unnamed sources as revealing that the company obtained a huge loan from Finance Ministry-owned Export-Import Bank of Malaysia (Exim Bank).

Deputy Finance Minister Chua Tee Yong had earlier confirmed that the government issued a support letter for 1MDB to secure a loan of RM540 million from Exim Bank purchase a parcel of land in Pulau Indah.