

Wan Azizah: Budget's silence on 1MDB shows cover-up

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That not a word of 1MDB was mentioned in the 2016 Budget tabled today by Prime Minister Najib Razak shows that he is trying to cover-up the biggest scandal in the country, Opposition Leader Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said.

"Not even a word on 1MDB. He wasn't addressing our concerns," Wan Azizah (photo) said when met at Parliament.

"He was running away and this is not helping to address the issue," she added.

According to Wan Azizah (PKR-Permatang Pauh), Najib, who is also finance minister, should at least have told the House how the problems of the state-owned fund could be resolved.

Najib's refusal to talk about 1MDB only means that the government is really facing a problem, she noted.

1MDB nothing to do with budget

However, Finance Minister II Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah (photo) came into Najib's defence, saying 1MDB had nothing to do with the budget.

"Let me tell you, this is the budget. What has 1MDB got to do with the budget?" he asked.

Husni (BN-Tambun) also claimed that Najib was neither trying to cover-up on 1MDB or being defensive about the country's economic situation.

He took offence when asked about the exact date Najib will answer on the RM2.6 billion donation that went into his personal bank account.

"Why are you asking this kind of question?" he said, while pushing away the digital recorder of the journalist.

On Tuesday, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Azalina Othman Said said Putrajaya will answer the questions about the RM2.6 billion donation and 1MDB during this Parliament session which ends Dec 3.

Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department, Abdul Wahid Omar and Shahidan Kassim, also dodged the question on Najib's silence over 1MDB fiasco.

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