

**MPs crude comments will influence my vote**  
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I refer to the sexist remarks made by the two MPs from Kinabatangan and Jasin respectively in Parliament in recent days.

As a woman and citizen of this country, I am shocked, appalled and disgusted that such crude comments can come from the mouths of elected representatives of the people in a place where critical issues of the nation are discussed and debated.

To make such a remark is bad enough; to claim innocence that it was merely 'a joke' shows unrepentant defiance.

I would think that anyone hearing such a remark would immediately feel a sense of outrage and would protest to restore decency and decorum in the House. But alas, the speaker not only did not act on his own accord but dismisses the motion to punish the perpetrators on grounds of technicality.

Apart from the DAP MPs who were accused of making 'a big issue' of the matter, what did the other MPs think? Their silence is deafening though some have since come out to say they thought the remark was improper.

Significantly, however, the deputy prime minister thinks the issue has been overplayed. To him and others like him, I say: 'I dare you to make that kind of remark to your mother, wife, sister and daughters'. Shame on the whole lot of you.

For some strange reason, some MPs seem to have forgotten who put them there in the first place and what they are called to do (making demeaning remarks about women is not one of them). To the electorate in Kinabatangan and Jasin, I urge you to wake up to the kind of people you have elected. They have made you famous but not for good reason.

I am taking special note of these developments and they will certainly affect how I vote come election time. I think I speak for every self-respecting woman in this country.

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