

11 votes save minister from RM10 pay cut
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The credibility of Peter Chin Fah Kui as the minister of energy, green technology and water was almost 'tainted' today if not for the 11 majority votes that opposed the motion to deduct the minister's pay by RM10 at the Dewan Rakyat.

The motion for pay deduction, which was tabled by Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad (PAS-Kuala Selangor), saw 59 members of parliament voting against the motion, while 47 others agreed that RM10 be deducted from the minister's salary.

Besides Chin, only three members of the cabinet including Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Mohamed Nazri Aziz and Tourism Minister Dr Ng Yen Yen were seen in the House and were eligible to vote.

Voting on the motion, which should have been carried out by a voice vote, had to be decided by block voting when most members of the House did not have the opportunity to speak besides stating their dissatisfaction at the winding up by Chin.

Earlier, Dzulkefly, in tabling the motion, raised several major issues on water management, including the privatisation of water supply in Selangor which had yet to be resolved, and the decision of the government to allow Syabas and Puncak Niaga to continue to hold the concession on water supply in the state despite the failure of the two companies to fulfill the terms of the concession agreement which had been signed.

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