

## **RM1,500 Minimum Wage Should Be Extended To All State Civil Servants And Not Just GLCs**

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The excuse offered by Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim at the state assembly sitting that "the decision to implement a minimum wage for the GLC employees was made because we have the administrative powers and taking into consideration a manageable enforcement capability" (Sun, 17 Nov 11) is an insult to all state civil servants in Selangor.

MCA Selangor fails to see why the privilege of RM1,500 cannot be extended to all state civil servants who make up the core and bulk of workers implementing state policy decision. Dividing the wages into two categories and making a loud announcement about it will only cause demotivation among workers who were not privy to such privilege.

Our party is concerned that being sidelined in this so-called welfare enhancement, the 19,000-plus state workers may vent their frustration on Selangor rate-payers and residents.

Moreover, it has been confirmed that the PKNS General Manager gets paid RM 1.4 million in salaries plus bonus from years 2009 & 2010. If the Pakatan-led government can give 7-months bonus to PKNS staff, why not extend such a privilege to all employees in state offices as well as other state-run GLCs?

Similarly, when Khalid aped the federal government's announcement of an RM500 bonus for all civil servants, whereby the Selangor state government would match likewise for state public sector workers, if he could manage the RM500 then, why not now in the context of the RM1,500 minimum wage.

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Moreover, is Khalid also implying that state public sector workers are difficult to manage, and hence are unworthy to enjoy the same RM1,500 minimum wage set aside for state GLC workers? If this is the case, then this is an indictment against the Menteri Besar's and state EXCO's for failing to rein in control of the local authorities.

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