

Corporate index to monitor GLCs' social responsibility

A CORPORATE Social Responsibility index will be introduced to check if government-linked companies (GLCs) are doing their bit for society.

The index will also be used to ensure chief executive officers (CEOs) carried out programmes to help the people.

Finance Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Seri Dr

Hilmi Yahaya said the index would be used to evaluate the CEOs' performances annually.

"Many CEOs of GLCs carry out corporate social responsibility for the sake of getting (titles like) datuk, tan sri and other awards. How does the Government monitor the CEOs who are appointed on a contract basis?" asked Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi

Tuanku Jaafar (BN - Santubong).

Dr Hilmi said that with the index the Government and the international community could assess the performance of GLCs and CEOs who did not perform could be dropped.

Earlier, Dr Hilmi told Dr Wee Ka Siong (BN - Ayer Hitam) that non-bumiputra contractors also benefited from government projects.

"If we look at projects that are implemented, 60% call for the supply of construction materials including machinery, plants and so on," he said.

"There are very few bumiputra contractors dealing with such industries. The majority are non-bumiputra contractors. Therefore, there is a spillover to non-bumiputra contractors."

Datuk Paduka Badruddin Amiruddin (BN - Jerai) later told Dr Hilmi that he should not have entertained Dr Wee's question, saying it was a non-issue that had been raised again and again.

Badruddin's remark upset Dr Wee, who later said fellow MPs should respect his right to ask questions.