

Samy Vellu in the hot seat because of contractors

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WORKS Minister Datuk Seri Samy Vellu and Opposition MP Fong Poh Kuan got into a war of words over errant contractors involved in the building of Chinese schools.

"You are a lawyer, and yet you do not know the law. Don't tell me that you would shoot a person first, and then take him to court?" Samy Vellu said in response to a question from Fong (DAP-Batu Gajah) on

why no action was taken against the contractor for SJKC Kung Yu in Muar, Johor.

"It is still under investigation," he repeated several times as a barrage of questions on schools was raised during his winding up speech.

Opposition Leader Lim Kit Siang (DAP-Ipoh Timur) asked whether the Cabinet would retract its reprimand of Deputy Higher Education Minister

Datuk Ong Tee Keat if the allegations that there was misuse of funds for two Chinese schools were found to be untrue.

"I do not have any connection with the matter. I do not want to answer that," was Samy Vellu's reply.

He had earlier told Parliament that the work done at the Kung Yu school was not satisfactory.

He explained that the Works

Ministry had instructed the Public Works Department to investigate how RM30,000 could be released to the contractor involved in the repair works of SJKC Kung Yu when the work completed was worth about RM3,000.

The Works Minister had visited SJKC Kung Yu and SJKC Aik Hwa on Monday together with Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri

Ong Ka Ting

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng in a Press conference later, called upon the Cabinet to retract its reprimand of Tee Keat.

"The Cabinet was wrong to reprimand him. They have made a mistake and tomorrow (today) at their meeting they should correct the matter and retract the reprimand," he said.