

10 top firms paid RM5.66b in taxes

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FINANCE Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the five biggest government-linked companies paid a total of RM2.02 billion in company tax last year while the five biggest private companies paid RM3.64 billion.

In a written reply to Loh Seng Kok (BN-Kelana Jaya), he said that the total amount of tax collected between 2001 and 2006 was RM293.3 billion. Of this, RM146.8 billion came from companies.

Non-bumiputera companies that use the bumiputera status to secure government projects would be blacklisted.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Abdul Raman Suliman said this in reply to Datuk Dr Marcus Mojigoh (BN-Putatan) yesterday.

Marcus claimed that many non-bumiputera companies, particularly those in construction, had secured government jobs by using their bumiputera influence.