

# PM: Money politics out of EC ambit

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THE Election Commission does not have the power to act on allegations of money politics, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said.

The Prime Minister said in a written reply to Fong Po Kuan (DAP-Batu Gajah) that it was up to political parties that had proof of the abuse of power to initiate action by petitioning the High Court.

Abdullah also listed out the total election expenses incurred by candidates at Machap and Ijok. At the Machap by-election, the Barisan Nasional candidate spent RM89,955 while the DAP candidate spent RM15,876. For the Ijok state by-election, he said the Barisan candidate spent RM100,000 while the Keadilan candidate spent RM86,300.