

# RM3m MP fund 'not for shopping'

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**MUAR:** The RM3 million additional allocation for each parliamentary constituency is not meant for MPs to do their year-end shopping.

It is for infrastructural development of small projects in each parliamentary constituency and to be distributed fairly to benefit all in the constituency.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said confusion had surfaced over the use of the allocation.

"It is my duty to ensure that it is used for small projects which are deemed necessary in each constituency.

"All MPs, state assemblymen,

political and community leaders, village heads and government departments should identify the projects and submit them to the district offices for immediate approval and implementation," he said.

On Nov 13, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had announced that the government had allocated an additional RM600 million — or RM3 million per parliamentary constituency — for small projects to be implemented immediately.

Addressing Umno delegates, he said the amount was in addition to an earlier RM1.5 billion allocation approved for small projects under

the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

Abdul Ghani, who presented financial aid to 49 families affected by floods recently, at Sekolah Kebangsaan Telok Rimba, near Sungai Mati here, on Friday night,

said he wanted the allocation to benefit everyone in each parliamentary constituency in Johor.

The aid for the flood victims was provided by the Umno Ledang division which Ghani heads.