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Alias: MyKad best way to track fuel use

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CURBING ABUSE:

Microchip-based ID expected to be key component in new targeted subsidy system, says ministry sec-gen

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THE government has identified the MyKad as the best platform for a new mechanism to track the consumption of subsidised fuel.

Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Alias Ahmad said the MyKad was expected to be a key component of a new targeted subsidy system, which would ensure that fuel subsidies benefited those who needed them most, while curbing potential abuses.

He said the microchip-based MyKad had many advantages, including biometric and fingerprint recognition, as well as high-security features that made it difficult for the card to be cloned or tampered with.

"It is also a crime for a person to allow their MyKad to be used by someone else.

"This will make it easier for enforcement authorities to monitor those who purchase subsidised fuel and to detect leakages, smuggling or wastage," he told the *New Sunday Times* yesterday.

Alias said the mechanism would be part of the fuel subsidy rationalisation programme, widely expected to be rolled out in September.

The new fuel subsidy system, he said,



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would use the MyKad to identify those who qualified for subsidies, based on their income and type of vehicle driven.

"The subsidy quota for each driver will be decided based on their car's fuel consumption," said Alias.

However, he declined to comment on which company would be managing the new subsidised fuel distribution system.

Seven companies have submitted proposals to the government, a number of which utilises the MyKad platform.

The companies include Fuelsubs House Sdn Bhd, Digistar Corporation Bhd, MyEG Services Bhd, MOL AccessPortal Sdn Bhd and IRIS Corporation Bhd.