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'No need for PM to reveal donor details'

PUTRAJAYA: There is no need for Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to provide details of the political donation he received despite pressure from the Opposition to do so.

Newly-appointed Cabinet minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak said the Prime Minister was not bound by any law requiring him to disclose the details of the donors.

"There is no law that says one can't collect money for political pur-

poses," the new Communications and Multimedia Minister told *The Star* in an exclusive interview yesterday.

Salleh said it was more important to note that Najib was cleared by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

"The money did not come from Malaysia Development Bhd - that was the accusation.

"But the MACC said there was no corrupt practice and this was

money donated by people," he said.

However, Salleh agreed that there should be laws governing political funds.

"The Prime Minister said there should be political reform... we will work on it," he said.

MACC had declared that the RM2.6bil allegedly deposited into Najib's personal accounts came from donors and not IMDB.

The Opposition then wanted the Prime Minister to name the source of

the funds in order to end speculation

On perceptions that he was appointed to the Cabinet for being a Najib loyalist, Salleh said he was unperturbed by that.

"They can give their views. I will do my best. I am a party man. I'm from CUMNO Sabah and I defend my president.

"Why he appointed me, that you should ask him.

"I was myself surprised. I only knew about it that day," he said.