

Govt will look after people, says PM

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PASIR SALAK: The government will look into ways to address the rising prices of goods and will not let the people suffer, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

“(Under) the previous government, the people struggled. But we are looking for ways so that the people are not burdened.

“The government provides subsidies of RM77.7 billion, namely for chicken, fuel, electricity, eggs, cooking oil and water. We take short, medium and long term actions to ensure the people are not burdened with the increase,” he said yesterday.

According to Finance Minister Tengku Zafrul Abdul Aziz, the government’s projected expenditure of RM77.3 billion for consumption subsidies in 2022 is the highest ever borne by the government.

The subsidies covered petrol, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas (RM37.3 billion), cooking oil (RM4 billion), flour and electricity as well as subsidy bills (RM9.7 billion), excluding other welfare assistance.

Ismail Sabri said his

administration is a government that will provide assistance, either in terms of materials or support, in nurturing the spirit of unity in finding common ground in diversity.

On another matter, he said he was satisfied with the development and progress of Perak, as various programmes have planned for the state.

“I am happy when the state government has strengthened its tourism industry by branding Pangkor as a marine tourism destination through the Pangkor International Marine Tourism Conference.

“Apart from that, there are 93 new and extension projects for the development of schools and educational institutions in Perak.”

Ismail Sabri said the Human Resources Ministry, through the Social Security Organisation, is developing the National Neuro Robotics and Cybernetics Rehabilitation Centre in Bandar Meru Raya, involving a cost of RM654 million, making Perak the only state to offer such a robotics facility. - Bernama