

PM to answer questions in Dewan Rakyat on Tuesdays

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will answer questions addressed to him during the Minister's Question Time (MQT) every Tuesday during the Dewan Rakyat's current session.

This was announced by Dewan Rakyat Speaker Datuk Johari Abdul before the MQT session on the second day of the first meeting of the second session of the 15th Parliament yesterday.

"This means that the prime minister will answer three questions

(during MQT) beginning today (yesterday).

"The relevant ministers will answer questions posed during the MQT session on Thursday. We will notify you if there are any changes to this rule."

In a post on his Facebook page, Anwar had previously said he would answer questions from MPs during the Prime Minister's Question (PMQ) session.

Johari had said the introduction of the PMQ session would require

amendments to the Standing Orders of the Dewan Rakyat before it could be gazetted as a regular session.

Meanwhile, as part of Covid-19 preventive measures, the Speaker said all MPs were encouraged to wear face masks in the Dewan Rakyat and that sanitisation activities would be conducted regularly.

Johari said the relaxation of the dress code announced in the previous session would also continue, with MPs having the option not to wear a necktie when attending

Dewan Rakyat sessions.

He added that they were also allowed to wear long-sleeved Batik Malaysia shirts every Thursday.

Johari said the Yang di-Pertuan Agong had given his consent to the laws passed in the second meeting of the fifth session of the 14th Parliament and the first meeting of the first session of the 15th Parliament.

The Acts include the Independent Police Conduct Commission Act 2022, Anti-Sexual Harassment Act

2022, Customs (Amendment) Act 2022 and Excise (Amendment) Act 2022.

Others are the Free Zones (Amendment) Act 2022, Tourism Tax (Amendment) Act 2022, Departure Levy (Amendment) Act 2022, Goods Vehicle Levy (Amendment) Act 2022, Windfall Profit Levy (Amendment) Act 2022, Sales Tax (Amendment) Act 2022, Service Tax (Amendment) Act 2022 and Consolidated Fund (Expenditure on Account) (Amendment) Act 2022. - Bernama