

# Minute meetings on Auditor-General's Report, says Anwar

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim called on all department heads, directors-general and secretaries-general to minute all discussions regarding the Auditor-General's Report before handing it to the chief secretary to the government.

In his speech at the monthly assembly with staff of the Prime

Minister's Department yesterday, Anwar said the report needs to be re-examined to improve administrative governance as well as to identify and help reduce leakages in the administration of the country.

"I want heads of departments to pay close attention not only to matters touching on their departments but also on improving

governance. I will suggest to the chief secretary that all of this be minuted.

"First of all, to ensure that the wide framework of the Auditor-General's Report and criticisms can be discussed, and secondly, matters that touch on the (respective) departments, so that the same problems will not recur."

He said minuting the discussions

on the Auditor-General's Report would also be important for the relevant departments to avoid similar problems from recurring.

"I have been making comments on the Auditor-General's Report for a long time. There are problems that keep happening. If you had read a report made a few years ago, a watch worth RM400 was charged RM4,000.

There are school books that do not reach the students but are paid for.

"Things like this sometimes happen again because our monitoring is weak."

Anwar also said civil servants could deepen their knowledge and gain experience in the West, but not to the point of losing their identity as Muslims and Malaysians. - Bernama