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Anwar: Adequate measures taken on targeted subsidised diesel scheme

KUALA LUMPUR: The government has taken adequate measures and considered various aspects before implementing the subsidised diesel control system, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

“We have taken adequate measures,” Anwar said yesterday after attending the Global Forum on Islamic Economics and Finance.

He added that Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan would provide further details on the scheme soon.

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On industry players’ requests for the government to broaden

the scope of the targeted subsidised diesel, Anwar said the matter could be recommended to the Transport Ministry and Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry.

Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers president Tan Sri Soh Thian Lai recently said the federation, in a meeting with the Finance Ministry on April 19, had requested that the list of targeted diesel subsidy recipients be expanded to include all types of vehicles, as long as they were carrying goods for commercial purposes.

He said the list was “too limited” as companies with vehicles such as tankers carrying chemicals, construction materials and fertiliser would not be eligible for subsidised diesel.