

**Ministry Preparing To Respond To Issues Raised By Parliamentary Committee**  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- The Home Ministry is preparing resources to respond to issues that may be raised by the Parliament Select Committee on Electoral Reform by holding a meeting with the Election Commission (EC) yesterday.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the meeting was a proactive measure taken by the ministry as it anticipated the committee would raise matters related to the electoral rolls, among others.

"It is important to coordinate the list of names of those who have been given citizenship, who died and who can vote," he told reporters after a post-Cabinet meeting here Wednesday.

Hishammuddin said the meeting, which focused on cleaning up the electoral rolls, was important as each time the issue cropped up, all sorts of unfounded accusations were hurled against the Home Ministry.

The meeting was spearheaded by Home Ministry secretary-general Tan Sri Mahmood Adam and EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Yusof.

On the media censorship review, Hishammuddin said officers from certain divisions of the ministry had met chief editors of various newspapers.

He said among proposals tossed were the creation of a media regulatory council, especially among mainstream media to ensure that news published would not be detrimental to the society.

"In a multiracial society like ours, screening process is necessary to ensure that press freedom is not absolute as this will only create chaos and undermines peace and security," he added.

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