

**Pakatan Budget only out on Tuesday**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) will release its alternative Budget on Tuesday and not tomorrow as reported earlier, PKR strategic director Rafizi Ramli has said.

He explained that the alternative Budget would only be presented to opposition lawmakers at an internal briefing tomorrow and that Malaysians should only expect it the day after.

“The actual document will only be released publicly on Tuesday at lunchtime,” he told The Malaysian Insider.

The opposition pact plans to unveil its alternative Budget for next year just days before Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is expected to table his Budget 2012 in Parliament.

Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said earlier today this would allow Malaysians to compare the economic policies of PR and Barisan Nasional (BN), which is under pressure to control runaway inflation.

The alternative Budget will include income and expenditure projections, allocations for government ministries and will highlight policy differences between the two political rivals.

The prime minister said last month that Budget 2012 would focus on tackling the surge in living costs and strengthening the local economy.

The Malaysian Insider understands that Najib is also mulling a hefty bonus or pay increase for all 1.3 million civil servants to counter higher living costs and shore up support among government staff ahead of possible snap polls next year.

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