

**Wee Explains Auditor-General's Report On MOE**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24 (Bernama) - Actual expenditure by the Ministry of Education (MOE) last year exceeded the amount allocated due to increased operating cost.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong said last year, MOE was allocated over RM26.49bil while the actual expenditure exceeded RM28.25bil, up 6.6 percent.

"Among reasons for the increase in expenditure by MOE is the 500,000 teachers and staff and 70 percent of operating cost involve emoluments.

"Every time we transfer (staff and teachers) we pay allowances. This sometimes lead to different expenditure as there is an increase," he told reporters at parliament lobby here today.

Wee was commenting on the Auditor General's Report 2010 released today which said that MOE is one of nine ministries and departments to record actual expenditure that exceeded allocation.

The implementation of new policies such as 1Murid 1Sukan also contribute to higher operating expenditure as it involves increased allocation for each pupil.

Some projects could not be implemented for several reasons including land matters and the allocation would be returned to the federal government.

"All were based on parliament approval. Each time there is supplementary supply, MOE has to ask for more due to new policies and implementation of certain projects.

"This is important because education is important in the national development agenda," said Wee.

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