

**Parliament: MPGN Expected To Announce Minimum Wage Proposal By Year-end
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- The government expects to receive a proposal on a minimum wage rate from the National Wage Advisory Council (MPGN) latest by year-end, the Dewan Rakyat was told Tuesday.

Deputy Human Resource Minister Datuk Maznah Mazlan said they will announce the suggestion from the MPGN which is responsible to study the overall rate and coverage of minimum wage.

The council, established on Sept 15, is studying the rate and coverage of minimum wage according to sector, job type, area and territory.

This also includes taking into consideration other factors such as socia-economics, expenditure, inflation rate and comparing wage structures in other countries, she said in response to a question from Lim Guan Eng (DAP-Bagan) who wanted to know the latest development on the matter.

Stressing that the council was an independent entity consisting of 23 members from workers and employers unions, government and non-governmental organisation (NGO), Maznah said their latest meeting was held last Thursday.

The council is chaired by former Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak Tan Sri Steve Shim Lip Kiong.

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