

BN questions fund for road maintenance in state
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ALOR SETAR: The state government has been questioned over the setting up of a fund for road maintenance.

Barisan Nasional opposition head [Datuk Seri Mahadzir Khalid](#) said during the assembly sitting that the fund was only made known after [Datuk Paduka Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah](#) (BN-Bakar Bata) questioned the difference between the allocation and expenditure for such work in 2010.

"The state government had revealed that the Federal Government allocated RM147.6mil for road maintenance in 2010 and the state only used RM54.3mil of the amount. So where is the balance?"

Mahdzir, who was met after the sitting yesterday, also questioned why the allocation was not used up.

Earlier during the sitting, Ahmad Bashah asked the state government to explain the allocation which Works [Minister Datuk Shaziman Mansor](#) said had been misused.

State Housing and Local Government Committee [chairman Datuk Phahrolrazi Zawawi](#) denied the accusation and said the allocation was spent based on the state's budget.

"The state received RM147.6mil in 2010 and for this year, until June, the state received RM73.8mil of which RM21.4mil had been spent.

"The state has never changed the way it spends the allocation. The allocation was spent based on the budget tabled for the year," he said.

Kedah Mentri Besar [Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak](#) when met later, said the state could not use up the entire allocation without it being approved during a state assembly sitting.

"We have always been transparent and this can be seen in our

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