

Advisory Board Suggests MACC To Keep A Copy Of Asset Declaration Forms
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PUTRAJAYA, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- The Anti-Corruption Advisory Board has suggested that a copy of the declaration of assets by members of the federal administration, including cabinet members, be kept by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

Its chairman, Puan Sri Zaitun Zawiyah Puteh, said the move, besides, reflecting transparency, would also facilitate investigations by the MACC should there be any complaint of corruption.

"So, we propose to the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak) to extend a copy of the asset declaration forms sent to the Prime Minister's Department to be kept by MACC," he told a media conference here today.

She said board proposed the matter to the prime minister during a discussion last Dec 12.

Zaitun Zawiyah said the requirement for the asset declaration also covered assets and liabilities of spouses and children and should be made under oath.

"If the declaration involves assets belonging to the individuals concerned alone, the property and assets can be transferred to the names of their spouses or children," she said and expressed the hope that it could be implemented soon.

She said that for a start, the requirement would only be for members of the federal administration and hoped that the move would also be carried out by the state governments later on.

On the declaration of assets by the Penang Chief Minister and the state executive councillors, Zaitun Zawiyah said: "I think they should include family members because, if individual alone, it is not sufficient".

"If they have nothing to hide why not," she added.

On a proposed for political financing be made under the party's name, instead of individual's name, she said the matter had been agreed to and tabled in Parliament.

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