

**Putrajaya to sic bean counters on ministries, says Husni**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 25 — Budget allocations to federal ministries will be audited by an investigation subcommittee to gauge how far the taxpayers' ringgit is being stretched, Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah was reported saying by Bernama Online today.

According to Husni, the newly-formed 2012 Budget Problem-Solving Committee comes under Budget Investigation Committee that is headed by Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is prime minister and finance minister.

"This committee will investigate to ensure that government allocations are spent effectively," the second finance minister was quoted as saying.

Heading the lesser committee will be Treasury secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Wan Abdul Aziz Wan Abdullah.

"As we are aware, the GDP growth for last year was 5.1 per cent. If the government allocations had been fully spent, the growth would have been higher," Husni was quoted further in the report.

"At a time when world economic growth is becoming more challenging, the government wants to review these achievements to ensure that the country is on the right track."

Under the government's ambitious Economic Transformation Programme, Malaysia must average six per cent growth annually up until 2020 in order to achieve high-income nation status by then.

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