

Parliament: "Tukar" Programme Has Nothing To Do With GST
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 10 (Bernama) -- The implementation of the Retail Shop Transformation Programme (Tukar) has nothing to do with the proposal to introduce the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Dewan Rakyat was told Tuesday.

Instead, Deputy Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Tan Lian Hoe said the programme was aimed at helping retailers to modernise their traditional shops so that they could compete with larger retail outlets.

She said this to refute the allegation made by Nurul Izzah Anwar's (PKR-Lembah Pantai) that the programme was introduced with the aim to prepare the retailers in the country to implement GST.

"The response given by the retailers participating in the programme showed that their daily sales had also increased by up to 400 per cent," Tan said.

In reply to Datuk Dr Mohamad Shahrudin Osman's (BN-Lipis) original question, Tan said a total of 519 retail shops, including cooperative shops, had been modernised nationwide last year, surpassing the initial target of 500 shops.

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