

Conduct probe on councillors, Selangor DAP told
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KUALA LUMPUR: The DAP should conduct an investigation into the performance of councillors nominated for various city and local councils in Selangor.

Klang DAP parliamentary liaison committee member T.G. Teh said this was necessary as numerous complaints about some councillors had been swept under the carpet.

"There was an issue about the replacement of councillors without the knowledge of the state committee.

"The state DAP under the leadership of Teresa Kok has not investigated any of the complaints," he said.

He was commenting on Daman-sara Utama assemblyman Dr Cheah Wing Yin's criticism of some of the party's councillors especially in the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ).

Dr Cheah said a DAP councillor had chaired a meeting which had diverted a RM130,000 debt collection case to a legal firm belonging to a DAP MP two years ago.

Teh, who is Taman Gembira branch secretary, said Kota Alam Shah assemblyman M. Manoharan had submitted a complaint about an incompetent councillor to Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim last year but the councillor was reappointed this year.

Meanwhile, councillor Chan Chee Kong said two councillors and a council staff member attended a late night sub-committee meeting to discuss a legal case involving an advertising company on June 16, 2010.

"There was no discussion on the debt collection case but it was given to another legal firm which I later came to know belonged to a DAP MP," he said.

Chan said only he, a DAP councillor and a council employee attended the meeting while another councillor Derek Fernandez was listed as having attended although he left immediately.

It was reported that the MBPJ had wanted to give the debt collection case for a one-off payment of RM15,000 to a PKR legal firm but the DAP firm had quoted RM55,000.

Fernandez said he did not attend the meeting but had indicated that the fee charged by the firm was "very high".

He said the MBPJ's audit committee carried out an internal investigation and subsequently reduced the charges to RM15,000, in line with the fee scale drawn up by the council.

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