

Parliament: Foreign Workers Not Protected Under Socso
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 14 (Bernama) -- Foreign workers are not covered by the Social Security Organisation (Socso) because they are protected under the Workmen's Compensation Act 1952.

Human Resource Deputy Minister Datuk Maznah Mazlan told the Dewan Rakyat, foreign workers in the country could make a contribution of RM72 a year to any of 28 insurance firms appointed by the ministry.

"The contribution covers death, disability and permanent disability," she said when replying to a supplementary question from Datuk Saifudin Nasution Ismail (PKR-Machang) in Parliament today.

Maznah said the government would take action against employers who failed to report accidents or did not adopt safety practices at work.

She said the Malaysian international standard was the same as the standard at international level, in fact, the national act and regulations on safety of workers were recognised by the International Labour Organisation.

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