

Parliament: Government To Allow DBP To Take Action Against Misuse Of National Language
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 27 (Bernama) -- The government is studying the possibility of allowing Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) to take action against any errors in the use of the national language in advertisements in public areas, the Dewan Rakyat was told Wednesday.

Education Deputy Minister Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi said currently local authorities (PBT) had played their role to monitor the use of the Malay language in advertisements in public areas.

"The ministry's legal advisor is reviewing whether to allow DBP to take any action. At the moment, we hope that local authorities will cooperate with us to ensure that Bahasa Melayu will be upheld especially by the private sectors," he said in his response to a supplementary question from Datuk Ibrahim Ali (Ind-Pasir Mas), here.

He said the DBP approach was more on reproaching, advising and educating rather than punishing those who did not use the Malay language correctly.

Mohd Puad said more than 1,000,000 terminology in about 60 fields of knowledge in 289 titles of registered terminologies, glossaries and dictionaries were produced by DBP since the formulation of the terminology was made in 1956.

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