

**PARLIAMENT: Domestic Economy Main Driver Of Growth, Says Devamany**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- The country's economic growth of 5.1 per cent in the first half of this year was driven mainly by the domestic economy, said Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk S.K. Devamany.

Private sector investment was higher than public sector investment last year and in the first half of this year, rising to 60 per cent of total investment, he said.

The Asian financial crisis in 1997 and 1998 has also shown the importance of strengthening the country's capacity to withstand the vagaries of the world economy, he said.

"Various policies have been implemented to enhance endogenous-driven growth, including efforts to boost private and public sector investment as well as sustainable growth in private consumption as the main drivers of growth by ensuring the people's disposable income continues to rise," he said in reply to a question from Datuk Mohamed Aziz (BN-Sri Gading) at the Dewan Rakyat here today.

Mohamed wanted to know the growth in household income and gross domestic product (GDP), and the contribution of the domestic economy to economic growth, since the country's Independence.

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