

**Parliament: Government Working On Guidelines To Provide More Taxi Permits To Individuals**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- The government planned to issue more taxi permits to qualified individuals in efforts to improve the current taxi leasing system, the Dewan Rakyat was told Wednesday.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ahmad Maslan said guidelines on the matter would be announced soon, upon completion by the Land Public Transport Commission (Spad).

He said this in reply to Datuk Mohd Jidin Shafee (BN-Setiu) who wanted to know the number of taxis in the country, and the status on the decision to abolish the leasing system, currently monopolised by certain companies.

Ahmad said currently, there were 79,571 registered taxi drivers and 1,303 taxi companies nationwide. These companies owned 31,978 permits or 48 per cent of the total permits for taxis in the country.

The remaining 35,450 permits are held by individuals.

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