

Selangor gets go-ahead to take over water supply by year end
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The federal government has agreed to Selangor acquiring all four water concessionaires in the state.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said he has received a letter from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak agreeing to the deal, reported The Sun.

"Selangor is all set to bring the supply of water under its control before the end of the year," Abdul Khalid said.

Abdul Khalid told Dr Abd Rani Osman (Meru-PAS) in the state assembly yesterday: "The state and federal governments are working together in drafting the agreement in accordance with the Water Concessionaries Industry Act 2006.

"Under the Act, the federal government has the executive power over any water deal across the peninsular and federal territories."

The Selangor government cited incompetence on the part of the concessionaires as one of the reasons for acquiring the companies.

Answering a supplementary question from Datuk Mohd Shamsuddin Lias (BN-Sungai Burong), Abdul Khalid said the state is ready to manage water supply and that a professional management team is already in place.

Mohd Shamsuddin Lias (BN-Sungai Burong) had asked if the state government would accept the proposed construction of the Langat 2 and measures taken to solve water woes in the Klang Valley, reported Bernama.

Abdul Khalid Ibrahim replied the state government wanted the negotiation of the water restructuring exercise to be conducted comprehensively by taking into account the Langat 2 project, not in stages.

He said a committee headed by State Secretary Datuk Muhammed Khusrin Munawi and comprising officers from relevant agencies, including Lembaga Urus Air Selangor (LUAS), was tasked with monitoring the water supply and demand in the state. - July 3, 2013.

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