

No Decision Yet Whether GST Will be Imposed on Fuel – Ahmad Maslan

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PUTRAJAYA, June 6 (Bernama) -- The government has yet to make any decision whether to impose the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on petrol and diesel until the fuel rationalisation mechanism is finalised, said Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan.

He said this would be decided by the Cabinet which was currently finalising the list of 255 items that might be exempted in the new tax system or included in the subsidy rationalisation mechanism.

"So I cannot say whether GST will be imposed on fuel. I cannot announce anything until the subsidy rationalisation mechanism and method is announced by the government," he said at a briefing for social media here Friday.

He brushed aside PKR strategic director Rafizi Ramli's claim that fuel prices would go up after the introduction of the GST as mere speculation and urged the public to get accurate information from the Communications and Multimedia Ministry, Finance Ministry and Customs Department websites.

The GST of 6 per cent will replace the Sales and Services Tax of 16 per cent starting April 1, 2015.

Meanwhile, Ahmad, who is also Umno information chief, said the party was awaiting a response from Yammy Samat to a show-cause letter issued to her on Tuesday for allegedly campaigning for her daughter, Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud who contested on a DAP ticket in the Teluk Intan parliamentary by-election recently.

"It's up to her whether she want to reply or not. We will look into it according to Umno procedure," he said.

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