

**Honeymoon over, time to implement true reforms, DAP tells Sarawak chief minister**  
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Telling Tan Sri Adenan Satem that his four-month honeymoon is over, DAP has outlined ten policy reforms which should bring change to the state.

State chief Chong Chieng Jen (pic) said it was time the chief minister implemented true reforms to the system in the state's administration.

"So far, what Adenan had shown – for example, accepting different opinions from the opposition, disallowing his immediate family members to apply for state land and logging licences – is mere personality difference from his predecessor Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud.

"He has not put in place a policy change to the state's administration," Chong said in a statement.

The 10-point policy reforms Chong said Adenan should undertake included among others public tender for all government projects and alienation of state land, the capping of logging concessions at 500 to 1,000 hectares, better housing for the middle- and low-income earners, reform in the public transport system in major cities in the state and the restoration of local government elections.

Chong said Sarawak's administration has been plagued with cronyism, nepotism and corrupt practices.

“Without any policy reform, these vices will continue to flourish,” said Chong, who is also the assemblyman for Kota Sentosa.

Chong added that Adenan alone coming clean would not change the system for the better.

“One good indication is the zero response from his colleagues in Barisan Nasional on his recent statement about not allowing his immediate family to apply for state land and logging licences.

“To eliminate cronyism, nepotism and corruption, it is not sufficient for Adenan to make such personal statements.”

Chong said there must be policy reforms in the system and “this must be done in his first year as the chief minister of Sarawak”.

In calling for public tender for government projects, Chong said in the written replies from ministers in the state legislative assembly from 2007 to 2011, the state government’s bridge construction projects were all granted without open tender process.

He said the contracts valued at RM1.4 billion “were monopolised by two companies”.

“The 15-year concession for maintenance of 4,600km of roads in Sarawak was also awarded to a company without going through open tender process.

“The implementation of open tender can reduce corruption, cronyism and abuses. It will also reduce the costs of projects to the government while promoting competition, fairer distribution of wealth and the

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