

**No new deal with Selangor, says Water Ministry**  
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There is no new document or any amendment to the present master agreement between Putrajaya and Selangor's water restructuring exercise, the Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry clarified today.

This was because the ministry was still waiting for the state government to provide feedback on areas of mutual agreement in the deal that will see Selangor take over water services in the state.

A statement by the ministry said Minister Datuk Seri Maximus Ongkili had already explained previously that "a new master agreement need not be signed and there need not be any amendment to the present master agreement at the moment".

"The minister also said he had not yet received the Selangor Menteri Besar's reply to his letter requesting for the Selangor government to rethink its decision not to extend the cut-off date of the master agreement," statement said in response to a report by The Edge Financial Daily that was carried in The Malaysian Insider today.

In the report, Ongkili was reported saying that Putrajaya and Selangor would sign a new document with minor adjustments on the water restructuring.

The report also said Ongkili was made to understand that Selangor will grant the federal government access to the land where water piped are located, but this was disputed by the state's menteri besar Mohamed Azmin Ali later in the Parliament lobby today.

Access to Selangor's land was cited by Azmin as a main issue in the state's move to abort the water deal, accusing the federal government of breaching the terms of the agreement.

Earlier this month, Azmin announced that Selangor would not grant Putrajaya a third extension on the restructuring deal.

He also said the deal tanked because Putrajaya wanted free land where the water pipes were located.

But, Ongkili said Putrajaya did not renege on the Selangor water deal by demanding free land as the provision was already inked in the master agreement.

The ministry in its statement tonight added that the list of assets submitted by Selangor government would have to be amended by way of a supplementary document in view of the ownership of land at the Bukit Nenas and Semenyih water treatment plants belonging to the federal government.

This would only be considered after the joint discussions between the two sides on

outstanding matters in the master agreement, it said. – March 25, 2015.

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