

No fixed allocation for GLCs' political donation, says Finance Minister
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak in a Parliamentary written reply stated requests for financial contribution will only be considered based on the GLCs available funds. — TRP file pic

KUALA LUMPUR, No fixed allocation for political donations has been set on government-linked companies (GLCs), said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

In a Parliamentary written reply today, Najib who is also Finance Minister stated requests for financial contribution will only be considered based on the GLCs available funds

Instead, request for financial contribution from politicians will be considered according to funds available.

It was also stated that these funds are often used by the political recipients for corporate social responsibility based activities which include among others, assistance for flood victims, and events celebrating religious occasions for those that are in need.

“Requests from those quarters will be considered similar to financial contribution requests from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), based on the organisation’s needs and the GLCs’ corporate social responsibility (CSR) balance available from their budget.”

The reply was made in accordance to question posed by Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim (Independent-Bandar Tun Razak) who had asked the Ministry as to the amount of financial contributions made to politicians by GLCS, from 1981 to 2014.

Najib has been inflicted in a scandal surrounding political funding when an expose by the *Wall Street Journal* revealed that a sum of RM2.6 billion was channeled into his personal banking account.

The money was first linked to troubled national sovereign fund 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB), but a probe by Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) later revealed that it was actually a donation made by an unnamed donor from the Middle East.

It was said that the donation was meant to help BN win the last General Election, prompting calls for a reform involving political funding.

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