

## **Is the Education Blueprint still relevant? DAP MP asks after policy reversals**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 — Putrajaya is making its Education Blueprint irrelevant by reversing its own key policies such as deciding to keep the current Primary School Evaluation Test (UPSR) examination format, a DAP MP said today.

Bukit Bendera MP Zairil Khir Johari also questioned the Education Implementation and Performance Unit (Padu) and its role in monitoring the success of the Blueprint, claiming it has "failed" by allowing "flip-flop" decision-making.

"Not only have these flip-flop decisions effectively wasted years of time, resources and effort spent training and preparing teachers and students for the new changes, it also calls into question the relevance of the 12-year Blueprint.

"What use is the Blueprint now, when key milestones are not adhered to?" asked Zairil in a statement.

Other policies scrapped, according to Zairil, include deferring practical tests for some science-based subjects earlier this year.

The Bukit Bendera MP had previously demanded that the Education Ministry explain their decision to maintain the current UPSR examination system as fully-written as opposed to school-based assessment (PBS).

The system was announced via a circular dated February 22, 2011, from the Education Ministry that said the current 100 per cent central examination format for the UPSR would be changed to incorporate PBS.

This meant that the written exams would only constitute 60 per cent of the total marks for UPSR while the remaining 40 per cent was to be derived from school-based assessments.

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