

**Why appoint Shafee for 'simple sodomy case', DAP lawmaker asks
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How much is Umno lawyer Tan Sri Muhammad Shafee Abdullah being paid to lead the prosecution team in the appeal proceedings for opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy conviction, a DAP lawmaker asked today.

Taiping MP Nga Kor Ming said it was shocking that despite the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) having more than 1,800 qualified personnel, including hundreds of deputy public prosecutors (DPPs), it had to engage someone from outside for a simple criminal case involving sodomy.

"It just shows that this is not a straightforward criminal charge but is in fact a politically motivated prosecution.

"It is also an insult to the integrity of the AGC," Nga said at the Parliament lobby today.

Nga said even the A-G was more than qualified to prosecute in this sodomy case.

He added that during the Nizar vs Zambry court case following the Perak constitutional crisis of 2009, the state government had to fork out RM324,000 to pay an Umno lawyer for the hearing at the Federal Court, despite the fact that Datuk Seri Zambry Abdul Kadir was being sued in his personal capacity by Datuk Seri Nizar Jamaluddin.

"What is the rationale for the AGC to outsource the prosecutor's job to Umno legal advisers and pay them using public funds?

"We want to know how much Tan Sri Shafee is being paid," Nga said, adding that he was sure he would not receive an answer if the question was raised in Parliament.

He also said that the AGC was allocated RM202 million under Budget 2015. – October 30, 2014.

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