

**Malaysia Keen On Australia's Prime Minister Question Time - Pandikar Amin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 29 (Bernama) -- The 'Prime Minister Question Time' session by the Australian Parliament has attracted the attention of its Malaysian counterpart to request for details on its implementation.

Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia said basically, the parliamentary sitting of the two countries were the same, even though Malaysia did not have the prime minister's session.

"We discuss parliamentary procedures and sitting and in Malaysia, we do not have the 'Prime Minister Question Time' segment.

"It is among others which I think, could be implemented in Malaysia's Parliament," he told reporters after meeting an Australian Parliamentary delegation led by Dr Andrew Southcott for almost an hour in Parliament building here today.

Under the approach, the Australian prime minister spends one day in a week in Parliament to reply to various questions submitted by members.

Apart from that, Pandikar Amin said Southcott, who was also Australian Parliamentary Audit Committee chairman, shared views on the roles of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in his country.

"We made comparison on the tasks of the PAC here and one question that cropped up was whether the PAC chairman in Australia must be from the opposition...it has been frequently raised.

"But the answer is no, the Australian PAC chairman is from the government, not necessarily from the opposition as PAC members comprised both opposition party and others, not all members are from the government," he said.

Pandikar Amin said the Malaysian Parliament had also accepted an invitation to hold a return visit to the Australian Parliament.

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