

Oath Of Secrecy Will Ensure Information Confidentiality - PAC Members
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- Newly-appointed Public Accounts Committee (PAC) member Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan agreed that members should be obliged to take the oath of secrecy in regard to their responsibility.

The Kota Bharu Member of Parliament said it was to ensure that every confidential information stays and remain secret within the committee.

"I agree that PAC members should take the oath of secrecy but it doesn't mean that they cannot speak out at all," he said at the Dewan Rakyat lobby Monday.

On Thursday, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi proposed that PAC members take the oath of secrecy to safeguard information and documents on investigations conducted by the committee.

Five MPs were appointed as PAC members with Rompin MP Datuk Hasan Ariffin as chairman.

PAS chose Takiyuddin to represent it in the committee, replacing Tumpat MP Datuk Kamaruddin Jaffar who joined Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) last month.

The other four new members are Barisan Nasional MPs Datuk Marcus Mojigoh (Putatan), Datuk Wira Ahmad Hamzah (Jasin), Datuk Nawawi Ahmad (Langkawi) and Datuk Koh Nai Kwong (Alor Gajah).

Meanwhile, Nawawi was of the view that it was not proper for PAC members to issue statements.

"If a statement needs to be made, it should be the chairman who should do it," he said, agreeing to the oath proposal.

Ahmad Hamzah said PAC members could reinforce their integrity by taking the oath of secrecy.

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