

**PAC Not Satisfied At Performance Of The Government In Third Series Of The AG Report
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 23 (Bernama) -- The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is not satisfied with the financial performance and accountability of the federal and state governments in the 2014 Series 3 of the Auditor-General Report.

PAC would also summon seven ministries to give their explanations on projects under the supervision of their ministries.

PAC chairman Datuk Hasan Ariffin said that, on the whole, PAC concluded that the performance of the government had dropped compared to 2013, based on the report.

"The number of federal ministry agencies including federal government and statutory bodies receiving a grading of four stars (Very Good) dropped to 60 last year from 68 in 2013.

"Meanwhile, the number of federal ministry agencies including federal government and statutory bodies receiving a grading of three stars (Good) also dropped to 70 last year compared to 72 in 2013," he told reporters here, today.

Earlier, PAC was briefed by Auditor-General Tan Sri Ambrin Buang on the report which was also tabled in Parliament today.

Hasan said the seven ministries to be summoned were Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries (on management of ST15 rice subsidy), Rural and Regional Development Ministry (Orang Asli socio-economic development programme) and Education Ministry (management of national religious secondary school construction projects and related facilities in Sarawak).

"In addition, PAC will call the Works Ministry and the Health Ministry (upgrading of Sultanah Nora Ismail Hospital, Batu Pahat), Home Ministry (management of National Drugs Agency quarters) and the Ministry of Defence (construction of Putrajaya National Defence Studies Centre)," he said.

He said all the ministries would be called from February next year after the investigation on the 1Malaysia Development Berhad was completed.

In the meantime, Hasan said PAC wanted all ministries, departments, federal and state government agencies to empower their respective internal audit unit to prevent leakages, misappropriation and abuse of power.

"PAC is also of the opinion the townhall session held by the Chief Secretary to the Government with all secretaries-general of the ministries must be held more often," he added.

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