

**Government Can Save RM240 Million a Year after Cancelling 744 Scholarships to Study Abroad
- Azalina
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 17 (Bernama) -- An estimated RM240 million can be saved a year when the government cancelled 744 scholarship for further studies abroad said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said.

Azalina in a written reply in Dewan rakyat, said to date, the number of students studying abroad under government sponsorship stood at 7,736 students.

"The average expenditure for a holder of a Public Service Department scholarship a year differs following the country, and the fields of study pursued," she said when answering a question from Teresa Kok Suh Sim (DAP-Seputeh).

Teresa Kok had wanted to know the estimated cost saved when the government cancelled scholarships for students to further their studies abroad and the number of students and the cost involved.

Azalina said the estimated cost of sponsoring a student locally was between RM10,350 to RM12,690 a year while sponsoring a student abroad would cost between RM38,115 to RM277,515 a year.

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