

Government Acted Fast to Improve 1MDB Cashflow – PAC

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 7 (Bernama) -- The government took immediate steps to improve the cashflow of 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) when the problem arose in the government strategic fund in November 2014, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) said.

PAC, in its 1MDB Governance Management Control Report tabled in the Dewan Rakyat on Thursday, said that a new top-level management was put in place in January 2015.

"Subsequently, the Minister of Finance (Incorporated) gave serious attention to resolving the company's problem.

"A strategic study was conducted and the outcome was tabled in February 2015. Following this, 1MDB and the Minister of Finance (Incorporated) submitted a rationalisation plan to the Cabinet on May 29, 2015," the PAC report said.

The 106-page report said that as of January 2016, 1MDB assets amounted to RM53 billion, exceeding its debts of RM50 billion.

On March 4, 2015, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak instructed the Auditor-General to independently verify 1MDB accounts following allegations of financial mismanagement and fraud.

According to a statement issued then by the Prime Minister's Office, the Auditor-General's report would be passed for transparent inspection to the bipartisan PAC.

The PAC chairman is Barisan Nasional MP for Rompin Datuk Hasan Arifin and the vice-chairman is DAP MP for Kepong Dr Tan Seng Giaw. The committee members comprise eight MPs from the BN, two from PKR and one each from DAP and PAS.

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