

Mara Inc issue: MACC to call Shafie Apdal if needed
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ISKANDAR PUTERI: Former rural and regional development minister Mohd Shafie Apdal will only be called up to give a statement on the purchase of real estate in Australia by Mara Incorporated Sdn Bhd (Mara Inc) if needed, said Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission chief commissioner Dzul kifli Ahmad.

He said that in carrying out probes, the MACC could call up anyone for questioning.

“If we need to question him we will, if not, no,” he told reporters after witnessing the “Corruption Free” pledge ceremony led by Johor Menteri Besar Mohamed Khaled Nordin and nine state executive councillors at the menteri besar’s office here today.

Prior to this, Shafie had stated that he was willing to be investigated over the matter.

Yesterday, MACC deputy chief commissioner (Operations) Azam Baki had said that 24 individuals would be called up to assist in the probe.

Recently, an association known as “Persatuan Perjuangan Masyarakat Kota” (Perkata) lodged a report with MACC on the alleged acquisition of property in Australia by Mara Inc.

Its secretary-general, Adzly Ab Manas, said the association was prepared to hand over the evidence if needed.

On June 26 last year, Mara chairman Annuar Musa, who has since been suspended, handed over documents to MACC on the purchase of the real estate in Australia by Mara Inc.

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