

'Sebenarnya.my' Portal Achieves 3.33 Million Views Since Launch - KKMM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- The 'Sebenarnya.my' portal which was launched on March 14, received 3.33 million views as at the end of that month.

The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Ministry (KKMM) in a written answer at the Dewan Negara today, said the portal became a medium for the people to check and examine the legitimacy of an information or news.

"The 'sebenarnya.my' portal is a one-stop centre for Malaysians to check and channel information on news whose authenticity has not been ascertained, which is received online via the social media platform, short messaging service (SMS) , blogs, websites and others," said KKMM when replying to Datuk Abdul Rahman Mat Yasin.

Abdul Rahman wanted KKMM to state its efforts to eradicate the spread of false news and decide on the authenticity of news received online, social media, SMS, blogs and websites.

KKMM said the scope of news in the portal were those involving national and public interests which could or had been officially determined by the ministry or the relevant agencies, following the scope of the roles and jurisdictions of the agencies.

Commenting further in terms of operations, it said the 'sebenarnya.my' portal did not exceed the role and jurisdiction of a ministry or agency. On the other hand, it played the role of secondary reporting channel and one-stop gathering of information (archive and repository).

The portal would only upload valid news which were touted to the public by a ministry or agency via official broadcast or announcement using public domains (media statements, statements on official websites or statements on official Facebook).

Answering a separate question on complaints pertaining to abuse of personal data which were investigated and acted upon in line with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Act 2010, KKMM said as of March, 12,258 data users comprising 13 groups of data users had registered as data users under Act 709.

"Failure to register under Act 709 is an offence whereby if found guilty, a data user can be fined not exceeding RM500,000 or jail not more than three years or both," it said.

KKMM said after Act 709 was enforced, 297 complaints were received and 40 per cent solved.

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