

# PAC urges govt to set ceiling price for private vaccine sales



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PETALING JAYA: The Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has proposed to the government to set a ceiling price for the sale of the Sinovac vaccine by Pharmaniaga Bhd to private entities, as well as on the maximum charges that can be imposed by private healthcare facilities to vaccine recipients.

PAC chairman Wong Kah Woh said the ceiling prices were necessary to ensure that the cost of vaccination is set at a reasonable rate in order to not burden the people financially.

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"The committee acknowledges that the government will be allowing the sale of Covid-19 vaccines starting August and therefore, it is very important for a ceiling price to be determined and informed to the public as soon as possible.

"The committee also acknowledges that the price for Covid-19 vaccination has already started to be promoted and the prices set are higher than what it should be," said Wong, who is also Ipoh Timur MP in a statement on Tuesday (July 27).

Meanwhile, on the proceedings of vaccine procurement and its distribution, Wong said that Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin had appeared in front of the committee for the second time on Tuesday (July 27).

He said the proceedings started at 10.30am before ending at 1pm and the Ministry's secretary-general Datuk Dr Siti Hamisah Tapsir, as well as her deputy Dr Mohd Noor Azman Hassan were also present.

The PAC would be continuing the proceedings regarding the issue on Wednesday (July 28) by calling Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz to appear before the committee, said Wong.

"Meanwhile, next week, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba and Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah will appear before the PAC to give their statements regarding the same proceedings," said Wong.

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