

MP seeks extension of time for special Dewan Rakyat sitting



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KUALA LUMPUR (Bernama): An MP called for the time for the special Dewan Rakyat sitting on Wednesday (July 28) to be extended to enable more MPs to participate in the debate session.

Datuk Seri Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin (PH-Hang Tuah Jaya) said this was due to the fact that the meeting was scheduled to end at 5.30 pm

"According to the Standing Orders, the meeting will end at 5.30pm unless there is a motion from a minister. However, there is a chance for th

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"I would like to appeal, if possible, for the time (of the meeting) to be extended and if health issues are the main concern, we can exercise self-discipline... stay for an hour, leave for a while and then come back," he said.

Standing Order 90 (2) of the Dewan Rakyat states that a question, the object or effect of which may be to suspend any Standing Order of the House, shall be proposed only either after notice is given, or with the consent of the Speaker who shall immediately without debate put the question.

Speaker Datuk Azhar Azizan Harun then explained about the time for the meeting.

"I want to explain about the time... actually we have not taken heed of the advice and recommendations of Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah who has taken the trouble to come to Parliament to brief us.

"If we were to heed his advice, we would sit only until 2 pm. He is very concerned about the Covid-19 situation involving the MPs.

"Yesterday and today alone, we recorded three or four cases... the risk is quite high, which is why I set the meeting time to end at 5.30pm to enable all to debate... but if the minister would want to consider (extending the time), I will leave it to him," he said Wednesday.

The third day of the special Dewan Rakyat sitting on Wednesday continued with a statement and explanation on the ongoing National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme by Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin. - Bernama

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