

PAC to get details on inoculation



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ALL expenditure and agreements for vaccine procurement and the implementation of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme will be presented to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), says Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

“The implementation of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme involves a large expenditure for the nation.

“The RM5.8bil allocation amount would give rise to questions on how this money has and will be spent,” he said during his briefing at the Dewan Rakyat.

Khairy, who is coordinating minister for the programme, said the PAC had held two proceedings on the matter.

He added that he and Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba were first summoned to testify before the PAC on Jan 5.

“We were once again called on Tuesday to provide an explanation before the members of the PAC.

“During these proceedings, the agreement documents for the procurement of vaccines, including the details of expenditure for the programme,

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Khairy said the secretary-general from the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry had also provided an explanation on the matter to Parliament's Special Select Committee on health, science and innovation.

Out of the RM5.8bil allocation for the national vaccination programme, he said RM4.8bil was allocated to the Health Ministry while RM1bil was given to the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry.

In ensuring transparency and openness, a briefing by invitation had also been held for all MPs on March 22 in Putrajaya, he added.

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