

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM THE MALAYSIAN INSIDER

1. There have been contradicting statements from both the former and current minister of Youth and Sports about the infamous K-Pop concert. Your comments on this, Tan Sri.

In our auditing of the disbursement of grants by the Ministry of Youth & Sport to NGOs, we discovered that a sum of money was paid for several activities connected to the National Youth Day celebration which was considered to be imprudent including one which involved the K-Pop concert. This expenditure has been made using the Government allocation which was channelled through the Malaysian Youth Council and was not disputed by neither the Ministry's officials nor the Malaysian Youth Council during our discussions with them in the course of our auditing. That is why the issue was raised in the Audit Report.

2. The missing police firearms and police vehicles. How did these go missing?

Cases of police missing assets which include firearms and vehicles amongst others are due to negligent acts of the police personnel such as misplaced or stolen besides weaknesses in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on handling assets.

3. How did you find out about these missing items?

In respect of any loss of government assets, a ministry, department or agency is required by the regulation to furnish a written report to the Ministry of Finance and Auditor General's Office. In relation to the missing items, we were alerted by the lost reports received from the Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM).

4. What do you think of the response given by both the Home Minister and the IGP that the guns 'could have fallen into the sea'?

We can't discount the possibility when the police conduct operations or trainings at sea, the pistols may have fallen into the sea.

5. Guns missing in the sea. Did police reply about this as the Home Minister claimed there was an explanation sent to the AG's office?

There was no mention about guns missing in the sea in our report and there was no reply from the Police on this issue. It was just an explanation by the IGP. The explanation of the Police on other issues is included in our report.

6. The former Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Shabeery Cheek accused the Auditor-General's office of being lazy in claiming that the ministry had squandered money. What are your comments on this?

Please refer to the response on Question 1