

Normal to table report after Budget, says auditor-general

AUDITOR-GENERAL Tan Sri Ambrin Buang said yesterday it is normal for the Auditor-General's Report 2011 to be tabled after Budget 2013.

"Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri

Aziz had asked for more time to allow longer debate to prevent the audit report from stealing the limelight from the Budget," he told reporters after the opening of Malaysia Audit Day and Public Sector Auditors Conference 2012 by Men-

teri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

"We have nothing to hide. Last year, the Auditor-General's Report 2010 was tabled two weeks after Budget 2012."

Nazri was recently reported as saying the Audi-

tor-General's Report 2011 would be tabled one week after Budget 2013.

In another development, Ambrin said agencies involved in delivering aid to disaster victims must follow the standard operating procedures (SOP) by

the National Audit Department.

"We are flexible when it comes to disasters but the officers involved must record them so we know where the money comes from and where it goes," he said.

Earlier, in his opening speech, Adnan called on the National Audit Department to exercise flexibility during disasters as not everything in the SOP could be followed during the rush to send aid to victims. — Bernama