

Auditor-General's Report out on Oct 15

THE much-awaited Auditor-General's Report will be released on Oct 15. Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Abdul Aziz told *theSun* the report will be tabled in Parliament for the purview of the members of the august House on the same day.

"It will be out on Oct 15," he said when approached in Parliament yesterday.

It was reported that the Auditor-General's Report will only be tabled after the Budget 2013, which was tabled on Sept 28.

Nazri said that although the audit report is ready, it will not be tabled simultaneously with the Budget as it may steal the limelight from the government's expenditure plan.

However, this did not bode well with the Opposition MPs who questioned the government's motive in delaying its release of the report.

Opposition lawmakers questioned if it was a deliberate attempt to prevent them from referring to the report when debating Budget 2013.

Nazri, however, scoffed off the comments, adding that the parliamentarians will have ample time to debate about the report during the committee stage.

On Monday, Auditor-General Tan Sri Ambrin Buang assured there will be no cover-up of any misdeeds in the report despite a delay in tabling it before Parliament.