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# MACC GETS 2020-2021 GOVT FUNDS AUDIT

Further details will be provided by Finance Ministry next week, says agency

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**T**HE Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has received preliminary information on the breakdown of money spent in 2020 and last year to aid its probe into the alleged mismanagement of RM600 billion in government funds.

MACC, in a statement yesterday, said the investigation is focusing on RM92.5 billion in economic stimulus package funds spent during the period in relation to Covid-19 management.

"Preliminary investigations showed that RM92.5 billion involved government funds. Another RM437.5 billion was not from the government."

"The Finance Ministry is providing more details on the breakdown, which will be handed over to the MACC by next week."

The controversy regarding the RM600 billion spent during the

Covid-19 pandemic was first raised by former Melaka chief minister Adly Zahari on Nov 15.

Critics have called for an investigation into the stimulus spending following suspicions over Perikatan Nasional's well-funded 15th General Election campaign.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, prior to this, said Finance Ministry officials confirmed that there was a "serious breach of procedure" involving almost RM600 billion spent by the government during former prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's administration.

Muhyiddin, in response, said he wasn't afraid of being investigated and maintained that everything done was above board.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said he would hold talks with Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani on the issue.