

Thursday September 7, 2006 Auditor General's Report: City Hall yet to get facilities worth RM136mil

Public facilities worth over RM136mil have yet to be handed over to the Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

A private developer, who was required to handover facilities like bus, taxi and light rail transit terminals, hawker centre, only managed deliver one of it to City Hall.

Under the privatisation concept City Hall provided the land for development projects, where the developer would bear the full cost of developing the land while City Hall would either receive cash or payments in kind like public facilities.

The Auditor General's Report 2005 discovered that by the end of Dec 2004, the City Hall planned to accomplish 63 developmental projects involving 2,233.47 hectares of land in Kuala Lumpur, under the privatisation concept.

An audit check on four of the 63 projects found that one project had been called off and City Hall was seeking compensation worth RM62.47mil from the developer. In another township project the developer concerned only paid RM28.74mil from the RM41.10mil owed to City Hall in terms of land value, while the local authority has yet to receive the minimum guaranteed profit worth RM13.87mil from the same developer.