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PAC PRESS STATEMENT

1. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today presented the PAC Report on the Follow-up Actions of the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA) for the PAC Recommendations Regarding the National Flood Forecasting and Warning Program (PRAB).
2. This report is on the follow-up actions taken by PETRA and the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) on the 6 PAC's recommendations made in the PAC Report regarding PRAB which was tabled in Parliament on 20 March 2024 in line with Treasury Directive 304 (b) Year 2023.
3. PAC conducted a Follow-up Action Proceedings regarding PRAB on 11 July 2024 and the witnesses present were as follows:
 - i. Tuan Ramzi bin Mansor, Deputy Secretary General of Treasury (Management), Ministry of Finance;
 - ii. Dato' Haji Mad Zaidi bin Mohd Karli, Secretary General of PETRA; and
 - iii. Dato' Ir. Dr. Mr. Ahmad Anuar bin Othman, Director General of DID.
4. This Committee also provides comments for each follow-up action that has been implemented by PETRA and DID.
5. PAC noted that 4 out of 79 stations need to be changed its Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) so that PRAB can function have been completed. PETRA and

DID need to ensure that RTU replacement works at 75 stations are completed according to the time, cost, and quality that have been determined. PAC was informed that the RTU replacement works at all 75 stations will be completed and ready for use in November 2024.

6. DID has carried out engagement with Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) following the 3G coverage shutdown incident that affected the implementation of PRAB Phase 1. PAC urged all Ministries to engage with all parties of interest before implementing any project so that unexpected issues in the implementation of any project can be minimised.
7. PAC has also been informed about the implementation status of PRAB Phase 2 and Phase 3 projects. PETRA and DID need to take appropriate action immediately if there is any delay in the implementation of PRAB Phase 2 and Phase 3 projects. PETRA and DID also need to ensure that PRAB Phase 3 projects, planned to be implemented using the Design and Build method, can be used and integrated with the existing system.
8. PAC is aware that DID has prepared and distributed the Specification Standard for Preventive Maintenance of Telemetry Stations on 20 May 2024 for state reference purposes. PETRA and DID need to ensure that all clauses stated are applied and to always involve the local community to ensure that the telemetry station is always protected from vandalism, theft and so on.
9. PAC was also informed about the actions taken by PETRA and DID to improve the Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) programme as well as to improve flood early warning announcements. In terms of improving the CEPA programme, PETRA and DID need to carry

out effective measurement to assess the success of PRAB, to ensure that the forecasting and announcement activities are fully achieved thus reducing the impact of floods on the people.

10. In order to improve the flood early warning system, PAC suggests that PETRA, DID and MCMC involve the communication service providers to bear the cost of Flash Broadcast services through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme.
11. Lastly, the PAC recommends that PETRA and DID need to ensure that all the plans are carried out according to the schedule in line with best practice in project management and enforce all relevant clauses.
12. The public can read about PETRA and DID follow-up action as well as PAC's comments by visiting the PAC website at www.parlimen.gov.my/pac

Thank you.

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