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PENANG GOVERNMENT REMINDED AGAIN TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS FOR THE 3RD PENANG BRIDGE

I refer to the letter from YAB Lim Guan Eng, Chief Minister of Penang to the YAB Prime Minister dated 26 May 2016 and his subsequent statement to media dated 16th June 2016 asking to meet on his request to seek approval for a third bridge linking Penang to the mainland in response to the many queries to the earlier-proposed underwater tunnel project.

To address questions by certain media organizations directed to my Ministry, I confirm that the Penang State Government has yet to submit any documents or have fixed any dates to meet with us.

The Works Ministry reiterate that it commits to a fair evaluation to the third bridge proposal and we remind the Penang Government to share with us all the relevant documentation, so that we are able to make an informed decision in the best interest of the Rakyat.

One major document would be the almost-completed RM305 million feasibility and detailed design studies commissioned and paid for by the Penang Government for the undersea tunnel project and associated linked roads.

Two months ago, the Penang Government had confirmed that the feasibility and detailed design studies of the 3 associated roads were 100% complete while the feasibility study for the tunnel itself was 83% completed.

As previously stated, introducing a third link may significantly alter the dynamics of the traffic flow in the Federal and state roads system. Therefore, the resulting traffic dispersal flow must be studied in detail and submitted as a part of the process. We do not want to exacerbate the already heavy traffic conditions on the island.

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In addition, studies will need to be made to ascertain the impact a third bridge would have to shipping and aircraft operations with its current proposed alignment.

Therefore, we remind the Penang Government to submit these documents to us soonest possible.

This would assist us in our decision-making and allow for a more productive discussion should we meet.

The Works Ministry looks forward to working together with the Penang State Government to ascertain the feasibility and timing of the proposed third link to the mainland, in a professional manner.

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