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# PRESS STATEMENT

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## WORKS MINISTRY YET TO RECEIVE RM305MIL PENANG TUNNEL REPORTS PROMISED BY THE PENANG GOVT 18 MONTHS AGO

Works Ministry yet to receive RM305mil Penang Tunnel reports promised by the Penang Govt 18 months ago

1. In April last year, when the Penang CM was under scrutiny for the Penang Tunnel project, he had written to me to ask for the tunnel to be changed to a bridge.

2. I told him that our ministry cannot approve based on a 2 page letter and had asked them to send their feasibility and detailed design studies of the 3 roads and tunnel that cost them RM305mil to me in consultancy fees alone.

At that time, we were very eager and curious to see what reports that cost RM305mil looks like as based on our Ministry's experience it seems vastly over-priced.

Earlier this year, the Board of Engineers had initially calculated that the price was as much as 400% higher than gazetted fees.

3. However, he did not send anything to me. After some initial hesitancy to send, the Penang CM then gave the excuse that the studies were 83% completed, promised that it would be completed by the end of last year and will send it to us once done. That did not happen.

4. When I asked about the delay in March this year, the Penang CM said it was still only 87% completed and promised that they will send it 6 months later.

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5. Again, the deadline has passed and as of today, we have yet to receive a single page of these reports.

I find the delay very unusual as the project was awarded in April 2013. Nothing has started construction yet while the RM305mil reports are not fully completed yet - despite at least RM220mil having already been paid by the Penang Govt.

6. If a project by our ministry experiences delays or have areas of concern like their project , we would have been under intense criticism by the opposition with many allegations of corruption or cronyism - like their allegations and attacks on our RM150mil Sri Aman Hospital project in Sarawak which was announced about the same time but had experienced some construction delays - but is still on track for full completion next year.

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