



# Kumpulan Rentas Parti Parlimen Malaysia (KRPPM) mengenai Pendanaan Politik

*All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia (APPGM) on Political Financing*

Untuk siaran segera

## KENYATAAN MEDIA

### IDEAS dan Majlis Peguam terajui desakan untuk bentang Akta Pendanaan Politik

**Kuala Lumpur, 24 Jun 2022:** Institut Demokrasi dan Hal Ehwal Ekonomi (IDEAS) bersama-sama Majlis Peguam Malaysia telah menganjurkan sebuah persidangan pada 23 Jun 2022 yang bertajuk, "*Political Financing Act: Current Status, Challenges and the Way Forward.*" Persidangan ini merupakan satu usaha meningkatkan tekanan terhadap kerajaan untuk membentangkan Akta Pendanaan Politik.

Persidangan ini telah dibarisi oleh:

Sesi 1: *Transparency in Political Financing: A Tool against Political Corruption*

1. Prof Wong Chin Huat, Profesor, Bahagian Pengajian Tadbir Urus, *Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia, Sunway University*
2. Dr Terence Gomez, Mantan Profesor, Ekonomi Politik, Universiti Malaya
3. Benedict Weerasena, Pengarah Penyelidikan, Bait Al-Amanah

Sesi 2: *Public Funding in a Political Financing Act*

1. Dr Fernando Casal Bertoa, Profesor Madya, *School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham UK*
2. Thomas Fann, Pengerusi, BERSIH dan anggota Kumpulan Rentas Parti Parlimen Malaysia (KRPPM) mengenai Pendanaan Politik
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## Sesi 4: *Challenges of a Political Financing Act*

1. Cynthia Gabriel, Pengarah Eksekutif, *C4 Center*
2. Andrew Khoo, Pengerusi, Jawatankuasa Undang-undang Perlembagaan, Majlis Peguam
3. YB Maria Chin Abdullah, Ahli Parlimen Petaling Jaya dan Timbalan Pengerusi KRPPM untuk Matlamat Pembangunan Mapan (SDG)

“Perjalanan yang kami lalui untuk memperjuangkan ketelusan dalam pendanaan politik amat panjang, tetapi kita perlu memulakan sesuatu. Kami berharap persidangan pada hari ini akan menyemarakkan semula komitmen untuk membentangkan Akta ini dan menghalang rasuah politik menjadi lebih teruk,” ulas Tricia Yeoh, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif IDEAS.

Secara ringkasnya, ketidaktelusan dalam pendanaan pilihan raya akan menyebabkan penyalahgunaan kuasa, lalu akan membawa kepada amalan rasuah. Amalan rasuah menjejaskan hak asasi manusia kerana memberikan kelebihan yang tidak adil kepada kumpulan tertentu,” kata Karen Cheah, Presiden Majlis Peguam dalam ucapan alu-aluannya. “Tidak syak lagi, penyalahgunaan kuasa, rasuah dan pilihan raya yang didanai melalui cara yang keji tidak mempunyai tempat dalam demokrasi yang matang kerana sebuah demokrasi yang matang berbangga dengan kedaulatan undang-undang. Ketidaktelusan ini bukan sahaja melemahkan keyakinan awam dalam institusi negara bahkan menjejaskan reputasi Malaysia dalam masyarakat antarabangsa,” tambahnya lagi.

Dapatan utama persidangan ini adalah:

1. Kajian dan perbincangan mengenai pendanaan politik telah berlaku semenjak tahun 2009, namun tindakan dan usaha yang konkrit berjalan dengan amat perlahan
2. Sebuah badan bebas untuk mengawal selia pendanaan politik adalah amat penting: Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya (SPR), Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Malaysia atau sebuah suruhanjaya baharu boleh diwujudkan untuk tujuan khusus ini
3. Pendanaan awam amat penting kerana membantu mengurangkan rasuah politik dan mengembalikan keyakinan
4. Pendanaan politik hanyalah salah satu pembaharuan yang diperlukan. Antara perkara yang turut diperlukan adalah pengisytiharan harta, pembaharuan SPR dan memprofesionalkan politik
5. Parti politik memerlukan wang untuk beroperasi dan menjalankan aktiviti seperti kajian dasar
6. Pembaharuan institusi harus dianggap sama penting dengan isu mata pencarian rakyat - salah satu penyebab kemiskinan adalah rasuah
7. Dengan pendanaan yang betul, parti-parti politik akan mempunyai sumber untuk membangunkan dasar-dasar berkualiti yang diperlukan rakyat
8. Pengawalseliaan pendanaan politik menyumbang kepada pengurangan amalan rasuah sekaligus memastikan wang pembayar cukai dan sumber awam tidak dibazirkan



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“Kita harus melihat pembaharuan pendanaan politik sebagai sebahagian daripada usaha yang lebih besar untuk mengukuhkan parti-parti politik. Parti politik yang lemah akan menghasilkan dasar-dasar yang lemah - sama ada bersifat populis atau mempunyai pemikiran berjangka pendek. Akta Pendanaan Politik amat penting untuk mengukuhkan demokrasi dan parti-parti politik di Malaysia,” kata Tricia Yeoh.

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## Tentang KRPPM Mengenai Pendanaan Politik

KRPPM Mengenai Pendanaan Politik telah diluluskan oleh Dewan Rakyat pada 20 April 2022. Objektif utama KRPPM Mengenai Pendanaan Politik adalah untuk mewujudkan satu sarana supaya para Ahli Parlimen, Senator dan organisasi masyarakat sivil (CSO) dapat mengadakan perbincangan serta mempertimbangkan kepentingan pembaharuan pendanaan politik di Malaysia.

## Anggota KRPPM Mengenai Pendanaan Politik

### Ahli Parlimen

1. YB Tuan Ahmad Fadhli bin Saari (PAS - Pasir Mas)  
Pengerusi
2. YB Tuan Ahmad Fahmi bin Mohamed Fadzil (PKR - Lembah Pantai)  
Timbalan Pengerusi
3. YB Puan Wong Shu Qi (DAP - Kluang)  
Setiausaha
4. YB Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau (UPKO - Tuaran)  
Bendahari
5. YB Dato' Sri Saifuddin bin Abdullah (PPBM - Indera Mahkota)
6. YB Dato' Seri Utama Mukhriz bin Tun Dr. Mahathir (Pejuang - Jerlun)

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8. YB Tuan Syed Saddiq bin Syed Abdul Rahman (MUDA - Muar)
9. YB Tuan Larry Soon@Larry Sng Wei Shien (Parti Bangsa Malaysia - Julau)

## **Senator**

YB Puan Fadhlina binti Dato' Sidek, Pulau Pinang (PKR)

## **Ahli CSO**

1. Institut Demokrasi dan Hal Ehwal Ekonomi (IDEAS) (Sekretariat)
2. Agora Society
3. Bait Al-Amanah
4. Pusat untuk Memerangi Rasuah dan Kronisme (C4)
5. Engage Network
6. G25 Malaysia
7. Gabungan Pilihanraya Bersih dan Adil (BERSIH)
8. Rasuah Busters
9. Transparency International-Malaysia (TI-M)
10. Badan Peguam Malaysia
11. Puan Maha Balakrishnan (Pakar)
12. Prof. Wong Chin Huat (Pakar)



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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **IDEAS and the Bar Council leads push for the tabling of a Political Financing Act**

**Kuala Lumpur, 24 June 2022:** The Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) organised a joint conference with the Bar Council on the 23rd of June 2022, with the title "Political Financing Act: Current Status, Challenges and the Way Forward." This joint conference was an effort to heighten the pressure on the government to table the Political Financing Act.

This joint conference featured:

#### Session 1: Transparency in Political Financing: A Tool against Political Corruption

1. Prof Wong Chin Huat, Professor, Governance Studies Division, Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia, Sunway University
2. Dr Terence Gomez, Former Professor, Political Economy, University of Malaya
3. Benedict Weerasena, Research Director, Bait Al-Amanah

#### Session 2: Public Funding in a Political Financing Act

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2. Thomas Fann, Chairperson, BERSIH and member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Political Financing
3. YB Fahmi Fadzil, MP for Lembah Pantai and Vice-Chair of the APPG on Political Financing

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## Session 4: Challenges of a Political Financing Act

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3. YB Maria Chin Abdullah, MP for Petaling Jaya and Vice-Chair of the APPG for Sustainable Development Goals

“The journey we have taken to fight for transparency in political financing has been long, but we must start somewhere. We hope that today’s conference will reignite the commitment to table this Act and prevent political corruption from becoming more serious,” comments Tricia Yeoh, CEO of IDEAS.

“To put it simply, a lack of transparency in how elections are funded can lead to abuse of power, which can then lead to corruption. Corruption truncates human rights because it gives certain citizens an unfair advantage over another,” said Karen Cheah, President of the Bar Council in her welcoming speech. “It is beyond any doubt that the abuse of power, corruption and elections that are funded through unsavoury means have no place in a mature democracy that prides itself in abiding by the rule of law. Such lack of transparency has not only undermined public confidence in our institutions but has also negatively impacted Malaysia's reputation in the international community,” she added.

The main takeaways from the conference were:

1. The research and discourse on political financing reforms have been going on since 2009, however concrete action and efforts have been slow
2. An independent body to regulate political financing is paramount: this body can be the Election Commission, the Registrar of Societies or a new body/commission set up for this specific purpose
3. Public funding is important as it helps to reduce political corruption and restore trust
4. Political financing is just one of the many reforms which we need. Other crucial points include asset declaration, reformation of the EC and professionalisation of politics
5. Money is important for political parties to function and carry out activities such as policy research
6. Institutional reforms must be viewed as being equally important to bread and butter issues - one of the causes of poverty is corruption
7. With proper funding, political parties have the resources to develop quality policies that the rakyat needs
8. The regulation of political financing contributes to the reduction in corruption, which ensures that taxpayers’ money and public resources are not wasted



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“We must view political financing reform as part of our greater effort to strengthen political parties. Weak political parties lead to poor policies - which are often populist or short-term in thinking. The Political Financing Act is integral in strengthening our democracy and political parties,” commented Tricia Yeoh.

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## **About the APPGM on Political Financing**

The APPGM on Political Financing was approved by the Dewan Rakyat on 20 April 2022. The main objective of the APPGM is to establish a platform where MPs, Senators and CSOs can deliberate and discuss the importance of political financing reforms in Malaysia.

## **APPGM on political financing members**

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