

App's self-assessment useful

This is one of nine functions within MySejahtera, says ministry

ABOUT 4% of the total Covid-19 cases recorded were detected directly via the self-health assessment function in the MySejahtera mobile app, says the Health Ministry.

In a written reply dated Nov 12, the ministry said the rest of the cases were detected indirectly through the app.

"So far, 23 million people have used the app which can trace those who might have come into contact with positive Covid-19 cases," it said in reply to a question from Dr Ong

Kian Ming (PH-Bangi).

Dr Ong had asked the ministry to reveal the number of Covid-19 cases detected by MySejahtera and the warning system used to warn users when they were going to places that were visited by Covid-19 patients.

The ministry said the app, which was launched on April 20, was aimed at assisting Covid-19 pandemic management in Malaysia.

"It includes Covid-19 case detection through self-assessment, detection of close contacts, disseminat-

ing latest and authentic information related to Covid-19 as well as information on general health to society.

"MySejahtera initially had only one module but eight more have been added to meet the needs of the ministry for additional contact information, location of the case and contacts, handling of quarantine and quarantine stations.

"The hotspot detector module in MySejahtera is a function that indicates the location of the source of infection and potential Covid-19

case infection," it said.

The ministry said that the "on demand" function required the users to check the current status from time to time.

"This module provides a guide for users to know the status of a searched location," it said, adding that the app did not use an active GPS feature.

"Therefore this app will not be able to provide automatic notification or track an individual, as it violates users' personal rights and contradicts ministry policy."