

Dewan Negara passes Housewife Social Safety Bill 2022

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Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi debating the Employment Social Security (Amendment) Bill 2022 in the Dewan Negara yesterday. - Bernama pic

KUALA LUMPUR: The Dewan Negara passed the Housewife Social Safety Bill 2022 yesterday.

When winding up the debate on the Bill, Deputy Minister of Human Resources Ministry (KSM) Datuk Awang Hashim said the ministry and the Social Security Organisation (PERKESO) would implement various measures to encourage husbands to contribute to the Housewife Social Safety Scheme (SKSSR) for their wives.

He said this included a proposal of tax exemption for the husbands as well as a matching contribution incentive where part of the contribution would be borne by certain parties such as the government.

"However, we will refine this matter, taking into account the financial implications. A technical team will also be established if there are such demands," he said.

In addition, Awang said KSM through PERKESO will intensify awareness campaigns through engagement sessions, road shows, Prihatin Squad activities, and its Social Synergy programme to encourage husbands to contribute to the SKSSR.

"This is to protect our wives who gave birth to our children," he said.

Earlier when winding up the debate on the Employment Social Security (Amendment) Bill 2022, Awang said a total of 1,090 disabled individuals had been registered under the PERKESO Employment Service, adding that under the Return to Work programme, a total of 48,354 Persons with Disabilities have secured employment from January 2007 until last Friday (Aug 5).

During the debate, Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Mohd Radzi wanted to know the statistics on the number of disabled workers registered in the PERKESO system and the number of disabled people who are currently receiving benefits under the organisation.

The Bill was then passed by the Senate with majority support. The Employment Insurance System (Amendment) Bill 2022 was also approved.

The Dewan Negara sitting continues tomorrow.