

# Energy Minister updates status of PMB

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THE Pulau Muara Besar (PMB) Masterplan is currently waiting to be presented and approved by relevant authorities following the completion of plans by consultants, said the Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office.

During the sixth session of the State Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting on Saturday, Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Major General (Rtd) Dato Seri Pahlawan Hj Mohammad Hj Daud said that the Brunei

Economic Development Board (BEDB) is planning to conduct a roadshow in several countries as part of marketing PMB as a platform for foreign investments.

The minister further said that PMB is intended to be a centre for investment opportunities which will be used as a port, logistics, manufacturing and processing, commercial and recreation.

Plans for an oil refinery is also underway, led by PetroBru with the support of BEDB, said the minister in addressing Dato Paduka Hj Idris

Hj Abas's concerns over the status of the project.

"It is one foreign direct investment which will be carried out by PetroBru and they have plans to bring in raw materials internationally and this issue of oil refinery, I believe this has been included in the PMB masterplan prepared by the consultant," said Pehin Dato Hj Mohammad.

The minister further assured LegCo member Dato Paduka Hj Mohd Yunus Mohd Noh that Bruneian employment opportunities in the Sungai Liang Authority project has been looked into for

the long and short term.

Pehin Dato Hj Mohammad said that the Brunei Methanol Company is currently employing 160 locals, which is the total number of people needed to carry out the refinery.

"For foreign workers, in which there are only few at this moment allocated at the refinery, they currently hold supervisor posts, and they will, as I understand, work there between three to five years before they are replaced by Bruneian staff," said the minister.

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