

## **No answers yet to list of illegal billboard sites**

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PETALING JAYA: "How many illegal billboards are there in Petaling Jaya and where is the full list?"

The questions was raised at the Petaling Jaya city council (MBPJ) full board meeting yesterday by Bukit Gasing assemblyman Edward Lee.

However, mayor Datuk Mohamad Roslan Sakiman refused to answer the question although the assemblyman repeatedly raised the question.

Instead, Roslan said a complete report on the illegal billboards in the city would soon be made public.

Lee said some billboard owners recently received notice to demolish their billboard structures.

However, there were questions raised on the full list of unsuitable billboard spots in the city. "Why can't the council disclose the real number of the illegal billboards todate? Why is there a secret ?"

Lee told the press that there were two law suits against the council by different billboard operators. He said the billboard agreement needed to be restudied and the process in approving billboards should be revamped.

He also hoped that there would be no injustice to the public and the billboard operators.

"I will not take sides but I don't like what I see. When matters are brought to the court it will certainly expose the wrongdoings of all parties. My advice to the council is to be open and to reveal the details to the public."

Councillor Latheefa Beebi Koya, meanwhile, told reporters that there should not be any attempt to undermine the decision and implementation made by the council.

All the decisions were made collectively and had gone through the various stages. In fact, it was also reviewed by the state government," said Latheefa.