



<b>KERATAN AKHBAR</b>
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AKHBAR	:	STAR METRO		MUKA SURAT	:	4
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## Water pipe replacement work being done in phases

SOME RM526mil has been spent, from 2016 to the end of the year, in Selangor for a water pipe replacement programme.

State infrastructure and public

amenities, agriculture and agro-industry committee chairman Izham Hashim said the state government through Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Air Selangor), identified

old pipes stretching 437km that were in need of replacement in 2016.

"Of these, pipes covering 365.16km were successfully replaced while those in the remaining 71.84km will

be replaced in phases.

"We target to complete the project by middle of next year," he said in response to a question by Datuk Mohd Shamsudin Lias (BN-Sungai Burong).

Izham said another 168km of pipes for replacement were identified this year, and were currently in the design and tender phase.

In response to Elizabeth Wong (PH-Bukit Lanjan) on the expected completion date for the entire project, Izham said the pipe replacement programme would be done in stages.

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"Selangor has more than 6,000km of asbestos cement pipes which will take time to replace but priority will be given to areas with high frequency of burst pipes.

"It is not only the pipes that need to be replaced but other components such as valves, which require high costs," he said.

Izham added that the project's purpose was to increase the quality of water supply to reduce non-revenue water (NRW) in the state.

"As of August, the NRW rate stood at 28.67%.

"Our target each year is to reduce NRW by at least 1% and we have consistently achieved above target," he added.

To a suggestion by Michelle Ng (PH-Subang Jaya) that a condition be set for new developments to include pipe replacing works, Izham said this required further studies.

"Any additional costs that the developers pay will be reflected in the price of the units," he explained.