

Give me your **views** on toll pacts, says Zin

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KUALA LUMPUR: Those who have studied the declassified toll concessions can submit their views in a memorandum to the Works Ministry.

Its minister Datuk Mohd Zin Mohamed yesterday assured that he will study their views and respond to them accordingly.

"It is my duty to respond to them," he told a press conference after visiting the Malaysian Construction Industry Showcase with Syrian Prime Minister Mohammad Naji Otri who is on an official visit to the country.

"Till today, I have not received any written queries and it would be helpful if (people) can submit a memorandum to me," he said.

"In fact, I have already asked my officers to look into it. So far, I have only (heard) through the media."

Mohd Zin said the memorandum will assist his ministry to seek further details of the contracts.

He said the (contract) documents which are voluminous, should be studied thoroughly, and coming to a conclusion after two or three hours of reading them is not proper.

He also said he had answered some of the concerns in Parliament.

On Plus toll rates that are supposed to be raised this year, he said: "I will submit the paper to the cabinet to deliberate on the issue before we make an announcement."

Otri's four-day visit to Malaysia is to gain an insight into Malaysia's technical and management capabilities.

Mohd Zin said Otri was impressed with the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) project which helps mitigate flood and disperse traffic at the same time.

"With 464 projects completed internationally with a total value of RM97.6 billion, Malaysian companies are progressively completing 103 projects overseas worth RM70.5 billion," he said.

"Currently, two Malaysian companies are undertaking rehabilitation and upgrading of Damascus International Airport and the design and building of sewerage and water treatment plants in Damascus," said Mohd Zin, adding that the airport should be completed soon.

He is also finalising an agreement with the Syrian government to build underground car parks in its cities.