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The Ministers From Political Parties Whose “Departments” Are Pillaging Community Taxes

Ministers from political parties are managing their budgets so poorly that indications of state losses have been found. These losses are extremely detrimental to the people as taxpayers.

The state losses were found in a BPK Audit in Semester 2 2012, whereby BPK recorded total state losses of Rp. 8,311,534,656,000 with 1950 cases across 15 ministries/institutions. There are two categories of state losses; the first, for those ministries who have submitted their financial reports but require a follow-up process as the reports aren't in line with auditor standards i.e. state finances haven't been returned to the State Treasury. The second, for the government which hasn't followed up on the state auditor's findings, meaning that it also hasn't returned state finances to the State Treasury.

The 15 ministries/institutions are as follows:

1. Ministry of Forestry, state losses of Rp. 7.1 trillion coupled with US\$36,138,280.00 across 278 cases.
2. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, state losses of Rp. 379.1 billion coupled with US\$28,035,280.00 across 72 cases.
3. Coordinating Ministry for People's Welfare, state losses of Rp. 268.9 billion across 76 cases.
4. Ministry of Agriculture, state losses of Rp. 200.4 billion across 127 cases.
5. Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, state losses of Rp. 174 billion coupled with US\$13,720 and SKW. 3,075,010 across 198 cases.
6. Ministry of Religious Affairs, state losses of Rp. 79 billion coupled with US\$149,510 across 572 cases.
7. Ministry of Social Affairs, state losses of Rp. 17.6 billion across 84 cases.
8. Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, state losses of Rp. 17 billion, US\$186,800 across 115 cases.
9. Ministry of Transportation, state losses of Rp. 11 billion coupled with US\$145,130 across 167 cases.
10. Ministry of Public Housing, state losses of Rp. 7.9 billion across 15 cases.
11. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, state losses of Rp. 7.6 billion across 138 cases.
12. State Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs, state losses of Rp. 5.7 billion across 17 cases.
13. Ministry of Law and Human Rights, state losses of Rp. 2.4 billion across 71 cases.
14. Ministry of Rural Development, state losses of Rp. 888 million across 14 cases.
15. Ministry of Administrative and Bureaucratic Reform, state losses of Rp. 566 million across 6 cases.

For further clarification, see the table below:



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No	State Agency	State Losses	Number of Cases
1	Ministry of Forestry	Rp 7,138,804,110,000	278
2	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Rp 379,120,310,000	72
3	Coordinating Ministry for People's Welfare	Rp 268,906,260,000	76
4	Ministry of Agriculture	Rp 200,454,320,000	127
5	Ministry of Communication and Information Technology	Rp 174,097,420,000	198
6	Ministry of Religious Affairs	Rp 79,901,340,000	572
7	Ministry of Social Affairs	Rp 17,688,410,000	84
8	Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration	Rp 17,023,210,000	115
9	Ministry of Transportation	Rp 11,046,216,000	167
10	Ministry of Public Housing	Rp 7,963,470,000	15
11	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries	Rp 7,631,680,000	138
12	State Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs	Rp 5,771,540,000	17
13	Ministry of Law and Human Rights	Rp 2,481,270,000	71
14	Ministry of Rural Development	Rp 888,160,000	14
15	Ministry of Administrative and Bureaucratic Reform	Rp 566,940,000	6

Source: Seknas FITRA, prepared based on results from the BPK Audit of Semester 2 2012

From the table above, we at Seknas FITRA have recorded the following:

- 1)** The management of ministerial budgets by ministers from political parties turned out to be a less serious issue than previously thought but still far from standards of appropriate financial management, because it's difficult to clearly separate between those ministers who work for their personal and party's needs, and those who work for the interests of the people and the sovereignty of the state budget.
- 2)** Those ministers who wish to become a legislative candidate aren't worthy of being nominated as the candidate of their respective party. In terms of state budget management or accountability in the departments they lead, there are still indications of state losses and corruption. If they want to become a legislative candidate, it means they will be a public official and if they want to be a public official, they must firstly resolve the issue of state losses, so that they may be regarded as a clean state official.
- 3)** Ministers who become legislative candidates should resign from their ministerial position because if they become a candidate, they will only burden the APBN by using state facilities and



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finances for their personal interests and party politics. APBN shouldn't be used for the personal needs of ministers or party needs, but instead for the needs of all the people.

4) Those ministers who insist on becoming their party's legislative candidate are not only power hungry, but overshadowed by their own fears; the fear that they will have to face or be examined by law enforcement agencies such as the KPK.

We at Seknas FITRA request those ministers who have already become legislative candidates to immediately resign from their ministerial position, so that state facilities and finances such as ministerial operational funds that are disbursed every year to the amount of Rp. 1.2 billion aren't utilised or misused for personal or party interests.

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