

Potential Leakages in APBN 2014 for Political Interests in the Upcoming 2014 Elections

In the context of the upcoming elections in 2014, politically speaking, it's very likely that there will be a manipulation of the budget. Such manipulation is likely to involve the exploitation of the budget cycle, through budget allocations for public services in the way of program models or aid/subsidies. The exploitation of opportunities or leaking of the budget for campaign interests is even more clouded when budget transparency and information, as well as public involvement in the political budget is relatively low.

FITRA has discovered four potential leakages in APBN 2014, which are assumed, will be exploited for political interests in the upcoming 2014 election, including:

1. **BUMN as a 'cash cow'**. Retained earnings amounted to Rp 407.3 trillion; however unpaid earnings in 15 BUMN have the potential to be exploited by political interest groups in the upcoming 2014 elections.
2. **There's been an optimisation of fund allocations to the amount of Rp 26.9 trillion prior to the upcoming 2014 elections** but it wasn't accompanied by a performance evaluation of K/L, meaning that the funds have the potential to be deposited prior to the 2014 elections.
3. **Populist programs with a total of Rp 52.9 trillion**, spread over a number of programs such as Social Aid, PKH, SJSN, and PNPM, which have the potential to be used as local mobilisation tools.
4. **A total of Rp 75.7 trillion in is spread over 14 K/L**, whereby Rp 25.6 trillion is spread over 10 ministries/institutions whose ministers come from political parties.

Based on the above findings, FITRA urges the government to implement transparency and provide information to the public on the use of the budget, which has the potential to be leaked for political interests in the upcoming 2014 elections.

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