

**DPR Budget Allocations: 5 Days in 4 Countries Will Waste Rp 6.5 billion of State Money**

In line with the Ministry of Finance's Regulation No. 37/PMK.02/2012 on standard costs, DPR's total budget allocation for overseas travel in 2013 is as large as Rp 6,506,118,000. The overseas trips will be over 5 days, from 14-19<sup>th</sup> April 2013, during which 4 countries will be visited; France, Russia, the Netherlands and England. In each country, the people's money will be spent as follows:

- 1) Overseas travel to France, based on the assumption that there will 13 board members and 2 support staff, not including families, will require a budget of Rp 1,673,226,000. Each person will spend US\$10,724 on plane fares for a business class seat.
- 2) Overseas travel to Russia, based on the assumption that there will 13 board members and 2 support staff, not including families, will require a budget of Rp 1,595,043,000. Each person will spend US\$9536 for the softest and most comfortable seat available in business class.
- 3) Overseas travel to the Netherlands, based on the assumption that there will 13 board members and 2 support staff, not including families, will require a budget of Rp 1,330,695,000. Each person will spend US\$8126 for the softest and most comfortable seat available in business class.
- 4) Overseas travel to England, based on the assumption that there will 13 board members and 2 support staff, not including families, will require a budget of Rp 1,907,154,000. Each person will spend US\$10,980 for the softest and most comfortable seat available in business class.

From the above description, we at Seknas FITRA wish to ask DPR to cancel the overseas trips. If DPR truly wants to create legislation based on *Pancasila* - the culture and character of Indonesia - they shouldn't try to use or imitate the legislation of other countries. In which case, why are overseas trips necessary? DPR should learn domestically how to create legislation for Indonesia. In this respect, perhaps overseas trips are only used by DPR to find inspiration for their argument that KPK's authority to wiretap should be decreased.

Once again, DPR has attempted repeatedly to abolish any articles on KPK's authority to wiretap, signifying that DPR keeps on betraying the people, the people's very own DPR, who should be able to deal directly with the people themselves.

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