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JAWATANKUASA PEGUAM PULAU PINANG PENANG BAR COMMITTEE

Criminal 4/22

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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Placement and Visitation of Inmates at the Penang Prisons

The Penang Bar Chairman, Ravi Chandran, Chairman of the Criminal Law Subcommittee, V Parthipan and Members of the Criminal Law Subcommittee met with the Director of Penang Prisons PKK Hj. Zulkifli Bin Abdul Manah, Director of Seberang Perai Prison, PKP Khairil Nizam Bin Anuar, Director of Penang Remand Prison, PKP Mohamad Jusoh Bin Ismail, Deputy Director of Seberang Perai Prison, PP S.Tanabal a/ Socklingam and other Officers of Penang Prisons on 13 Jul 2022.

Members are requested to take note of the following matters that were discussed during the said meeting:-

Placement of Inmates

1. Penang Prison: Remand prison for inmates having cases in George Town and Balik Pulau Courts.
2. Jawi Prison: Remand prison for inmates having cases in Butterworth, Bukit Mertajam and Jawi Courts, convicted prisoners and women inmates.
3. For inmates charged with more than one case in different localities, placement will be decided on the frequency of appearance in each Court.

Example: A has 2 cases in Jawi and 1 case in Balik Pulau, A will be placed at the Jawi Prison.

Visitation of Inmates

Members are now permitted to visit their clients **in person** (meeting via Zoom is no longer available) at both the Prisons in Penang subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. Members are required to give notice of their visitation to the Prison Department **3 days before** the date of visit, unless on an urgent basis and subject to the discretion of the Prison Department.
2. Members must be in possession of a valid Practising Certificate (PC) and Members are required to state their PC No. and Petition No. for Pupil-in-Chambers, in their visitation notice.
3. Members are only allowed to visit 3 inmates in one visitation (unless there are more than 3 accused person in one case).
4. Members are given 45 minutes per slot per inmate.
5. Members are required to be fully vaccinated.
6. Members who are fully vaccinated are required to present their vaccination certificates via the *MySejahtera* app to the Prison authorities on the day of the visit.
7. Members who are not vaccinated due to medical reason(s) are required to produce medical certificates/documents from a qualified medical practitioner.
8. Members do not have any Covid-19 symptoms.

The welfare of Inmates

The welfare of inmates in Penang Prison were also highlighted and discussed, we have been assured by the Director of Penang Prisons that this matter will be further investigated and keep us informed.

Members will be updated further as and when we receive additional or further information from the Penang Prisons.

We also invite feedback or comments from Members on any related issues pertaining to the Criminal Law [here](#).

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Chairman
Criminal Law Subcommittee