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Zuraida: Property issues need handling

KUALA LUMPUR: The Housing and Local Government Ministry will set up an agency to boost the efficiency of strata management.

Minister Zuraida Kamarudin said almost 73% of residences in Malaysia were in the form of strata and there was a need for an agency to tackle strata-related issues.

"We need to review the policy of strata home management under the Commissioner of Building (COB) and strata management.

"There must be a review to create a large agency because it has to tackle complicated issues in strata management," she said after a meeting with Hindus at the Sri Raja Rajeswary Temple, Ampang, near here.

Zuraida, who is also Ampang MP, also said that the Housing and Strata Management Tribunal would be empowered to better serve

the people.

She said this included reforming the tribunal policy, COB policy, strata management and abandoned housing policy.

On the meeting with the temple's management, Zuraida hoped the temple and Projek Lintasan Kota Holdings Sdn Bhd (Prolintas), involved in the Sungai Besi-Ulu Klang Elevated Expressway (Suke) project, could co-operate for long-term positive impact.

"Worshippers at the temple are said to have decreased due to the construction of Suke, on top of the demolition of the priests' quarters to make way for the project.

"Prolintas has built temporary cabins for the priests but maybe both sides can discuss on building permanent quarters," she said. — Bernama