

# Plans to hire homeless as cleaners being drawn up

HOMELESS people will be hired to help maintain cleanliness in the Federal Territories, says Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) said there had been discussions between the Federal Territories Department and the Solid Waste Management and Public Cleansing Corporation (SWCorp) on the initiative.

"The department is in discussions with SWCorp to empower the homeless by transforming them into a resource for maintaining cleanliness in the Federal Territories," she said in a written

reply to P. Prabakaran (PH-Batu).

Prabakaran had asked the minister to explain measures taken by the department to improve waste management and curb illegal dumping in high-traffic tourist areas, city centres and drainage systems.

Zaliha outlined several initiatives implemented to tackle waste management challenges, including increasing waste collection in city centres through SWCorp and Alam Flora.

She said waste-free zones were introduced, on top of enforcing a maximum fine of RM500 for littering offences and increasing



cleaning frequency to up to three times within 24 hours.

"The department has rolled out the Bersih Setiap Tempat pro-

gramme across all parliamentary constituencies in the Federal Territories.

"This campaign aims to

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enhance cleanliness, civic awareness and a shared sense of responsibility among Federal Territories residents," she said.

Zaliha also said 2,000 artificial intelligence-powered CCTVs were installed to detect illegal waste dumping, adding that 2,457 fines were issued last year.

"City Hall will launch the Kuala Lumpur Zero Waste 2040 Roadmap, which targets a 60% reduction in waste sent to landfills by 2040.

"This reflects the department's continued commitment to ensuring waste management is at its highest standards," she added.