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ABANDONED and dilapidated vehicles left in public parking spaces are among complaints received by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), says Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) said these derelict vehicles were not only eyesores but impacted cleanliness, safety and public comfort in the capital city.

Capital grappling with surge in abandoned vehicles

"Between January and May this year, DBKL received 1,009 public complaints.

"Of this, 992 were successfully resolved, with 17 cases still under investigation," she said in the Dewan Rakyat on Thursday.

The issue, she said, was becoming urgent as more vehicles were being left unclaimed.

"This is especially common in cases where the owner has passed away without heirs or the

vehicles were left unclaimed at workshops," she said.

She added that the highest number of cases was recorded in Segambut with 163 complaints, followed by Seputeh (143), Setiawangsa (113) and Bukit Bintang (81).

Dr Zaliha said DBKL's Enforcement Department was tasked with dealing with these vehicles by transporting them to three designated depots.

The combined capacity of the depots was 3,100 automobiles, with all three now filled with 1,945 vehicles, she added.

She said 1,504 vehicles were stored at the Taman Connaught Depot that has a capacity of 1,600 vehicles, adding that the depot served as the main centre for DBKL's management of dilapidated vehicles.

Dr Zaliha also said DBKL was speeding up the disposal process

for unclaimed vehicles through the gazetting process.

The Road Transport Department (JPJ), she said, had introduced a new e-Dereg system that allowed owners to cancel their vehicle registration online.

She said the vehicle could then be sent to an Authorised Automotive Treatment Facility (AATF) which would bear the costs of towing and disposal.