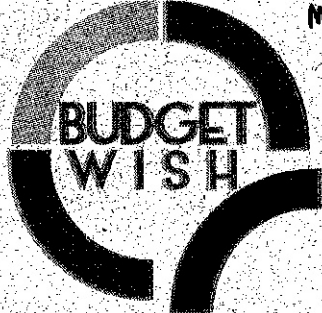




PETALING JAYA — Do you have a sound idea and want to contribute to the 2017 Budget?

Here's your chance.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has invited the public to contribute ideas in the preparation of the budget.

All you need to do is visit <https://bajet2017.najibrazak.com/> and submit your views in categories including cost of living, healthcare, housing and urban living, transportation and infrastructure, economic development and education.

The public have until Sept 19 to submit their views.

Malay Mail spoke to several Malaysians, and these are their wishlist for the upcoming budget.

Kristen Alyssa Gerard, 23, public relations officer, Kuala Lumpur.



"As a fresh graduate, it's quite difficult to stretch my income to last till the end of the month. I hope the government introduce more affordable housing schemes especially in the city. Housing loans should also be more flexible for those who do not earn much to enable the young to own property."

M. Kumaresh, 30, lawyer, Kuala Lumpur.



"The quality of reading materials in schools and libraries must improve so students would have better access to information. There should also be more allocation for students to learn about religion and philosophy. There should be special incentives for working adults so they have opportunities to further their studies."

Nazri Mazlan, 34, teacher, Subang Jaya.



"Public transport should be improved and the government must ensure the bus and taxi network in the Klang Valley is efficient. If the government wants to encourage people to use public transport, fares must also be attractive."