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No buffer and lack of maintenance caused landslide

THE recent Hulu Langat landslide was caused by lack of maintenance of the steep slope, said state tourism, consumer affairs and environment committee chairman Elizabeth Wong.

Wong told Ismail Sani (BN-Dusun Tua) that there was no proper buffer zone causing the slope to be unsafe and resulting in the accident.

She said a slope unit was formed under the Kajang Municipal Council's engineering department to monitor all the hillslopes.

A task force has also been formed to carry out an inventory of hillside areas in Hulu Langat.

The children from the Rumah Anak Yatim Hidayah and Madrasah Al-Takwa, have been temporarily relocated to a nearby area.

"The only way to prevent such incidents in the future is through education and awareness.

"We have identified a new place in Semenyih to relocate the children," she said, adding the state had contributed RM26,000 to the religious school.

Ismail said the people from the religious school were not keen on relocating to Semenyih and would like a place near the original location.

Wong said there was no suitable place in the area as it was surrounded by critical slopes.

Azmin Ali (PR-Bukit Antara-bangsa) asked for the Bukit Antarabangsa landslide report classified under the Official Secrets Act 1972 to be declassified as well the Hulu Klang risk report.

He said it was a matter of great importance for everyone to know as they would be able to take the necessary action.

Wong said until today, the state government was unable to read the reports, which is classified under the OSA.

"It is difficult for us to get specific details on which areas are safe for development or monitoring purposes.

"The federal government should take the initiative by tabling a law like the Freedom of Information Act in Selangor to allow the dissemination of the information," she said.

She added that the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council Slope Watch Group was constantly monitoring as well as creating awareness on slope areas.