

The Success Factors of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Malaysia: The Public Perspective

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Abstract

This paper reports results of an investigation on the perceptions of the public on success factors of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Malaysia. The study examines public perceptions with a total of 80 respondents responded to the survey questionnaire. The finding showed that there were five top factors that the public perceived could contribute to the success of the PAC. These include the power to make recommendations and publish conclusions, balanced representation with close working relationship of all political parties in the committee, power to hold in camera meetings, having a clear focus on holding the government accountable for its spending and its stewardship over public assets, and finally a good relation with other parliamentary oversight mechanism such as the budget committee.

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