

## Ministry to meet traders on more controlled goods

**JURU:** The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry will meet with various stakeholders to discuss the proposal to enlarge the list of controlled and scheduled controlled goods and services.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, said having a bigger basket of goods and services could help to rein in the rising cost of living.

The meeting with suppliers, wholesalers and services providers would be held after Hari Raya, Saifuddin said.

There are currently about 30 goods and services listed under the controlled and scheduled controlled price under the ministry.

He said his ministry, Bank Negara Malaysia, the Department of Statistics, Armed Forces, and the Royal Customs and Excise Department have come together to conduct a comprehensive study on 10 consumer goods and services.

“We are doing a cost analysis from the importers to wholesalers to distributors and retailers on every facet to determine if there is profiteering,” he said.

The authorities inspected 28,242 business premises before Hari Raya, Saifuddin said.