

110. The reduction of LRT3 and MRT2 construction cost increases the operational viability of the projects, which in turn translates into lower public transportation fares. This in turn, will encourage the use of public transport as well as reduce the usage of cars and maintenance of road infrastructure.

111. To further improve public transport coverage in Kuala Lumpur, the Kuala Lumpur City Council, will allocate RM20 million next year to provide additional free GoKL free bus services in addition to the 4 existing routes.

112. The Government through Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad (BPMB) will make available RM500 million for a Public Transport Loan Fund with a 2% interest subsidy to taxi and bus companies as well as other public transport operators.

113. The Government will freeze toll hikes on all intra-city tolls around the country for 2019 that will cost the Government approximately RM700 million. In addition, the Government will also abolish toll for motorcycles for the First and Second Penang Bridge, as well as the Second Link in Johor, costing approximately RM20 million per annum effective 1 January 2019.

114. In addition, the Government will prioritise for both the Causeway and the Second Link to Singapore, the easing of congestion and hardship of Malaysians and residents who travel on a daily basis. As a start, the Government will allocate RM10 million to upgrade the Autogate Malaysia Automated Clearance System and M-Bike.

Strategy 8: Education for a Better Future

Mr Speaker Sir,

115. The only sustainable and guaranteed means to achieve higher income growth is through better quality education at all levels. The Education Ministry remains the single largest recipient of Budget allocation at RM60.2 billion or 19.1% of the total Government expenditure for 2019. Among the measures that will be undertaken include: