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ACCOUNTANT GENERAL: IT WAS RM450M

RM11.41 billion gone from Consolidated Revenue Account in 4 months

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THE Accountant General's Department confirmed that the Federal Government had only RM450 million to spend from the Consolidated Revenue Account on April 30, compared with RM11.86 billion on Dec 31 last year.

Accountant General Datuk Saat Esa revealed that the Consolidated Revenue Account's balances as at Dec 31 last year and April 30 this year, which was announced by Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng, had tallied with its records.

"The Accountant General's Office also corroborates that the balance is the only account the Federal Government can spend for its operating expenses," Saat

said in a statement yesterday.

He added the Federal Government needed more than RM8 billion a month for emoluments and retirement benefits.

Lim had alleged the huge depletion in the Consolidated Revenue Account was due to excessive spending from January to April to help Barisan Nasional win the 14th General Election.

Therefore, he called on former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to explain how the Consolidated Revenue Account had gone down by RM11.41 billion to RM450 million.