

MEDIA STATEMENT

IDEAS updates its *Pantau Kuasa* website that tracks political appointments in Federal Statutory Bodies to reflect Ismail Sabri's government, urges caution on post GE-15 appointments

Kuala Lumpur, 18 October 2022: The recent update by the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) on its *Pantau Kuasa* website reflects the latest political appointments in Federal Statutory Bodies (FSBs) during Prime Minister Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri's government. In light of the Parliament dissolution announced on 10 October 2022 and the looming general election, IDEAS strongly urges the new government to proceed with caution on any post GE-15 appointments.

The data monitored between August 2021 until September 2022 shows that there has been a worrying increase in the number of political appointments for FSBs under the ninth Prime Minister. Overall, there were 234 appointments made with 115 of those retained from the previous administration while as many as 119 new entries were identified. UMNO dominated for the number of politicians retained in FSBs with 52 appointments while BERSATU had 28 appointments and PAS had 11 appointments. Furthermore, more than half of the brand new appointments belong to UMNO (61), followed by BERSATU (19), the newly established PBM (15), PAS (7) and MCA (5).

Out of 133 FSBs, approximately 72 FSBs (54%) of them were directly affected with the appointments and involved 22 out of 27 ministries (81%) under Ismail Sabri's tenure. The ministries with the most political appointments are Higher Education (10 FSBs), Transport (8 FSBs), Rural Development (8 FSBs), Agriculture and Food Industries (8 FSBs) as well as Plantation Industries and Commodities (7 FSBs). Institut Koperasi Malaysia (IKMa) saw the largest volume of appointments in its board of directors with 10 recognizable politicians. The research also found that 56 FSBs are highly susceptible to political influence due to having its chairpersons clearly affiliated with political parties, or are either current/former MPs, ADUNs and senators.

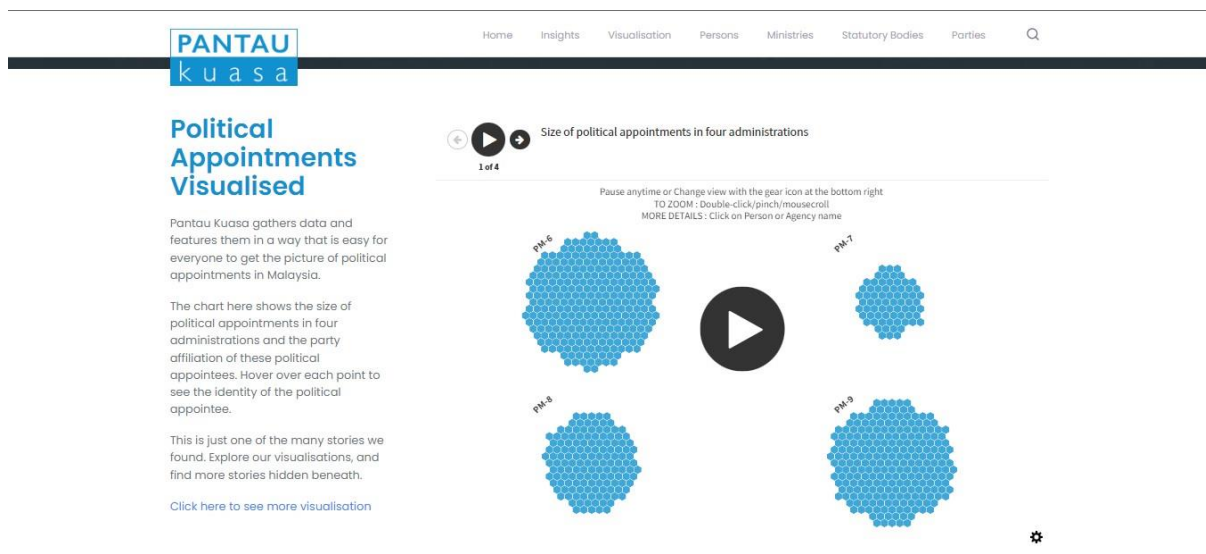
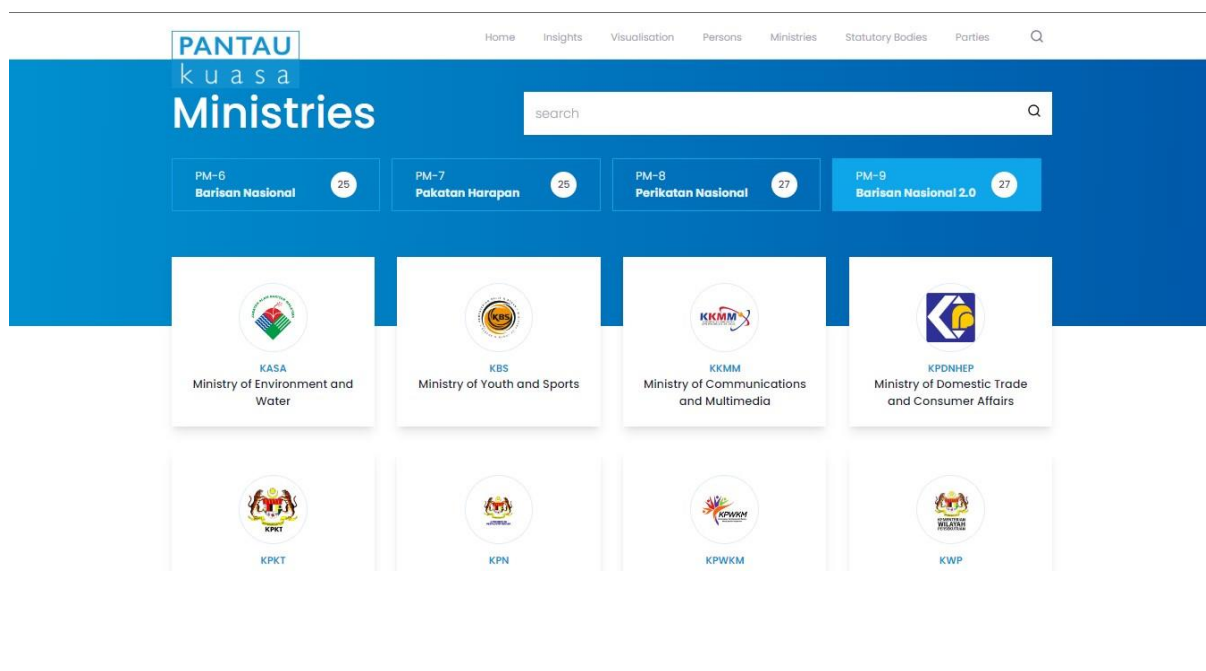
"The findings from our *Pantau Kuasa* see a sharp increase in political appointments from Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's administration to Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri's administration. These are some measurable indicators of the possible political compromises made to accommodate the various parties' interests within a coalition and to maintain political stability at the federal government level. Having too many political figures within FSBs as the nation transitions and recovers from the devastating COVID-19 period brings into question the due diligence aspect of these appointment processes," commented Dr Tricia Yeoh, CEO of IDEAS.

The issue of political appointments has already resurfaced due to public concerns over the dissolution of Parliament and the absence of a formal government. Hence, IDEAS strongly emphasises that the current situation in Malaysia is an opportunity for the caretaker government to seriously reflect on the democratic principles of better governance, fairness, integrity, accountability and transparency. Despite the constraints of unclear guidelines on the role of caretaker government, the caretaker Prime Minister and the supporting civil servants must at the very least adhere to non-partisanship as a way to restore trust towards our public institutions.

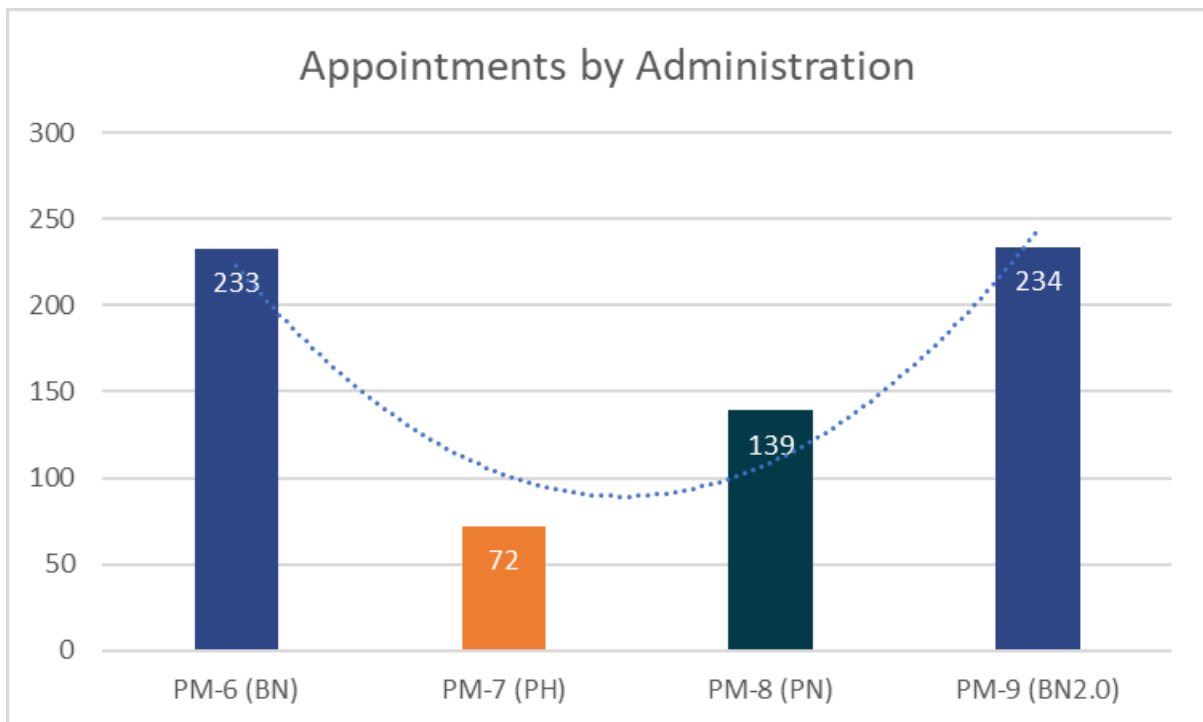
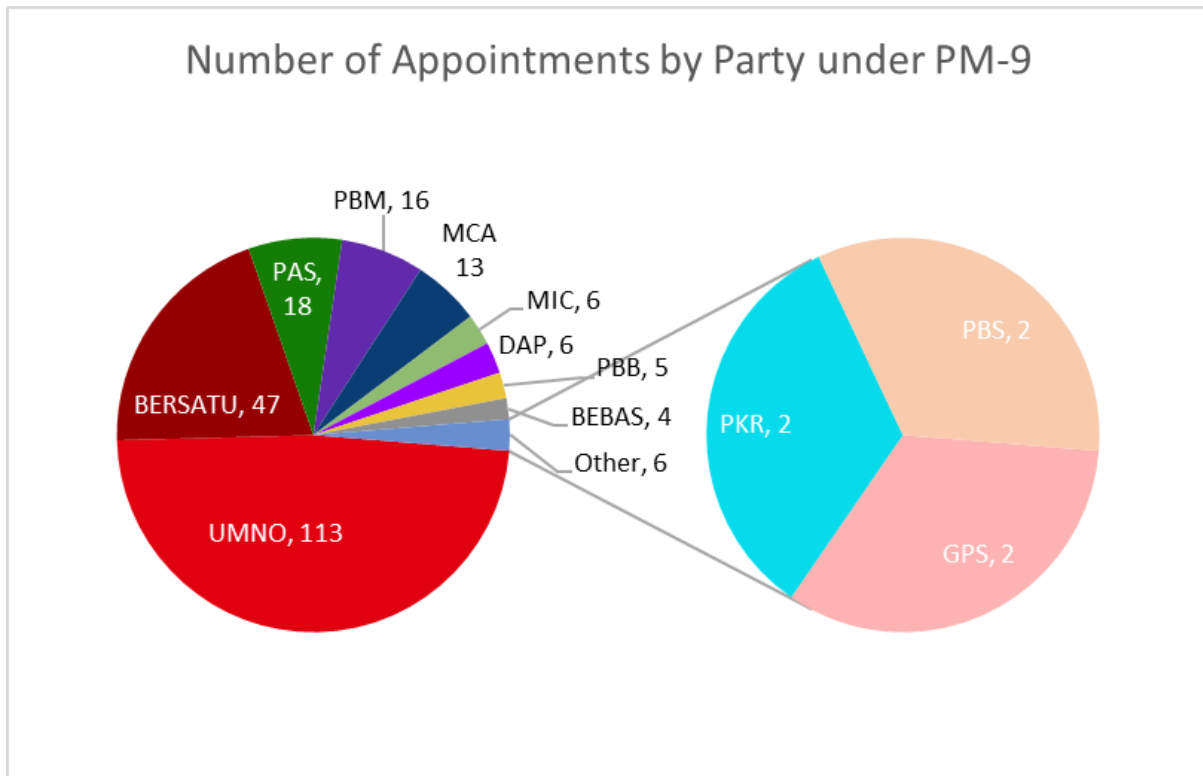
“Given what this research reveals, it is imperative that all political parties pledge to minimise political appointments as part of their election manifestos. The post GE-15 landscape must see a reduction of unnecessary political appointments, especially if we are to see better governed businesses,” concludes Dr Yeoh.

It is in the best interest for all Malaysians to see greater commitment from the government to resist party pressures in terms of rewarding loyalty with political appointments. IDEAS looks forward to continuing its existing *Pantau Kuasa* work, providing more analysis on monitoring the executive branch, and to potentially further expand its scope to also cover appointments in GLCs and GLICs in the near future.

For more information, please visit the website at <https://www.pantaukuasa.com/>.



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KENYATAAN MEDIA

IDEAS kemas kini laman sesawang *Pantau Kuasa* yang menjejaki pelantikan politik dalam Badan Berkanun Persekutuan untuk mencerminkan kerajaan Ismail Sabri, gesa sikap waspada terhadap pelantikan pasca PRU15

Kuala Lumpur, 18 Oktober 2022: Kemas kini terbaharu oleh Institut Demokrasi dan Hal Ehwal Ekonomi (IDEAS) dalam laman sesawang *Pantau Kuasa* mencerminkan pelantikan politik terkini dalam Badan Berkanun Persekutuan (FSB) ketika pentadbiran Perdana Menteri Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri. Susulan pembubaran Parlimen seperti yang diumumkan pada 10 Oktober 2022 dan pilihan raya umum yang bakal menjelang, IDEAS menggesa kerajaan baharu untuk berwaspada dengan sebarang pelantikan pasca PRU15.

Data yang diteliti antara bulan Ogos 2021 hingga September 2022 menunjukkan terdapat peningkatan jumlah pelantikan politik yang mengusarkan dalam FSB di bawah Perdana Menteri ke-9. Secara keseluruhannya, terdapat 234 lantikan dibuat yang menyaksikan 115 daripada pelantikan tersebut dikekalkan daripada pentadbiran sebelum ini manakala sebanyak 119 pelantikan baharu telah dikenal pasti. UMNO mendahului jumlah ahli politik yang dikekalkan iaitu sebanyak 52 lantikan manakala BERSATU mempunyai 28 lantikan dan PAS dengan 11 lantikan. Tambahan pula, lebih separuh daripada lantikan baharu adalah UMNO (61), diikuti BERSATU (19), PBM yang baru ditubuhkan (15), PAS (7) dan MCA (5).

Daripada 133 FSB, dianggarkan 72 badan berkanun ini (54%) menerima kesan langsung daripada pelantikan ini dan melibatkan 22 daripada 27 buah kementerian (81%) di bawah pemerintahan Ismail Sabri. Kementerian yang mempunyai pelantikan politik terbanyak ialah Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi (10 FSB), Kementerian Pengangkutan (8 FSB), Kementerian Pembangunan Luar Bandar (8 FSB), Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (8 FSB), serta Kementerian Perusahaan Perladangan dan Komoditi (7 FSB). Institut Koperasi Malaysia (IKMa) mempunyai jumlah pelantikan tertinggi dalam lembaga pengarahnya iaitu sebanyak 10 orang ahli politik. Kajian juga mendapati bahawa 56 buah FSB sangat terdedah kepada pengaruh politik kerana mempunyai pengerusi yang mempunyai hubungan dengan parti politik, atau sama ada seorang atau mantan Ahli Parlimen, ADUN dan senator.

"Dapatan *Pantau Kuasa* ini mendapati terdapat peningkatan ketara dalam pelantikan politik daripada pentadbiran Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin sehingga pentadbiran Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri. Hal ini merupakan beberapa penunjuk ukur kemungkinan kompromi politik yang dilakukan untuk memenuhi kepentingan pelbagai parti dalam satu gabungan serta mengekalkan kestabilan politik pada peringkat kerajaan persekutuan. Mempunyai terlalu banyak figura politik di dalam FSB ketika negara sedang dalam transisi dan pemulihan daripada tempoh COVID-19 yang dahsyat menimbulkan persoalan mengenai aspek penilaian wajar dalam proses lantikan ini," ulas Dr Tricia Yeoh, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif IDEAS.

Isu pelantikan politik telah timbul semula disebabkan kebimbangan awam mengenai pembubaran Parlimen dan ketiadaan kerajaan rasmi. Oleh itu, IDEAS sangat menekankan bahawa situasi semasa Malaysia adalah satu peluang kepada kerajaan sementara untuk merenung secara mendalam prinsip-prinsip demokrasi untuk tadbir urus, keadilan, integriti, kebertanggungjawaban dan ketelusan yang lebih baik. Walaupun mempunyai halangan tiada garis panduan jelas mengenai peranan kerajaan sementara, Perdana Menteri sementara dan penjawat awam sekurang-kurangnya harus mematuhi prinsip tidak berpihak sebagai satu cara mengembalikan kepercayaan terhadap institusi awam negara.

“Berdasarkan pendedahan oleh hasil kajian ini, adalah mustahak untuk semua parti politik berikrar untuk mengurangkan pelantikan politik sebagai sebahagian daripada manifesto mereka. Lanskap politik pasca PRU15 harus menyaksikan pengurangan pelantikan politik yang tidak mempunyai keperluan, terutamanya jika kita ingin melihat pentadbiran perniagaan yang lebih baik,” kata Dr Yeoh.

Hal ini adalah demi kepentingan semua rakyat Malaysia untuk melihat komitmen lebih baik daripada pihak kerajaan agar dapat melawan tekanan parti politik dari segi memberi ganjaran kesetiaan dengan pelantikan politik. IDEAS menantikan untuk meneruskan usaha *Pantau Kuasa* sedia ada, memberikan analisis lanjut mengenai pemantauan badan eksekutif, serta mengembangkan lagi skop supaya turut merangkumi pelantikan dalam syarikat berkaitan kerajaan (GLC) dan syarikat pelaburan berkaitan kerajaan (GLIC) dalam masa terdekat.

Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila layari laman sesawang ini di <https://www.pantaukuasa.com/>.

The screenshot shows the 'PANTAU kuasa Ministries' website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Insights, Visualisation, Persons, Ministries, Statutory Bodies, and Parties. Below the navigation is a search bar. The main content area features a grid of ministry cards. The top row includes four cards for political parties: PM-6 Barisan Nasional (25), PM-7 Pakatan Harapan (25), PM-8 Perikatan Nasional (27), and PM-9 Barisan Nasional 2.0 (27). Below these are eight ministry cards, each with a logo and name: KASA (Ministry of Environment and Water), KBS (Ministry of Youth and Sports), KKMM (Ministry of Communications and Multimedia), KPDNHEP (Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs), KPKT, KPN, KPWKM, and KWP.

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Political Appointments Visualised

Pantau Kuasa gathers data and features them in a way that is easy for everyone to get the picture of political appointments in Malaysia.

The chart here shows the size of political appointments in four administrations and the party affiliation of these political appointees. Hover over each point to see the identity of the political appointee.

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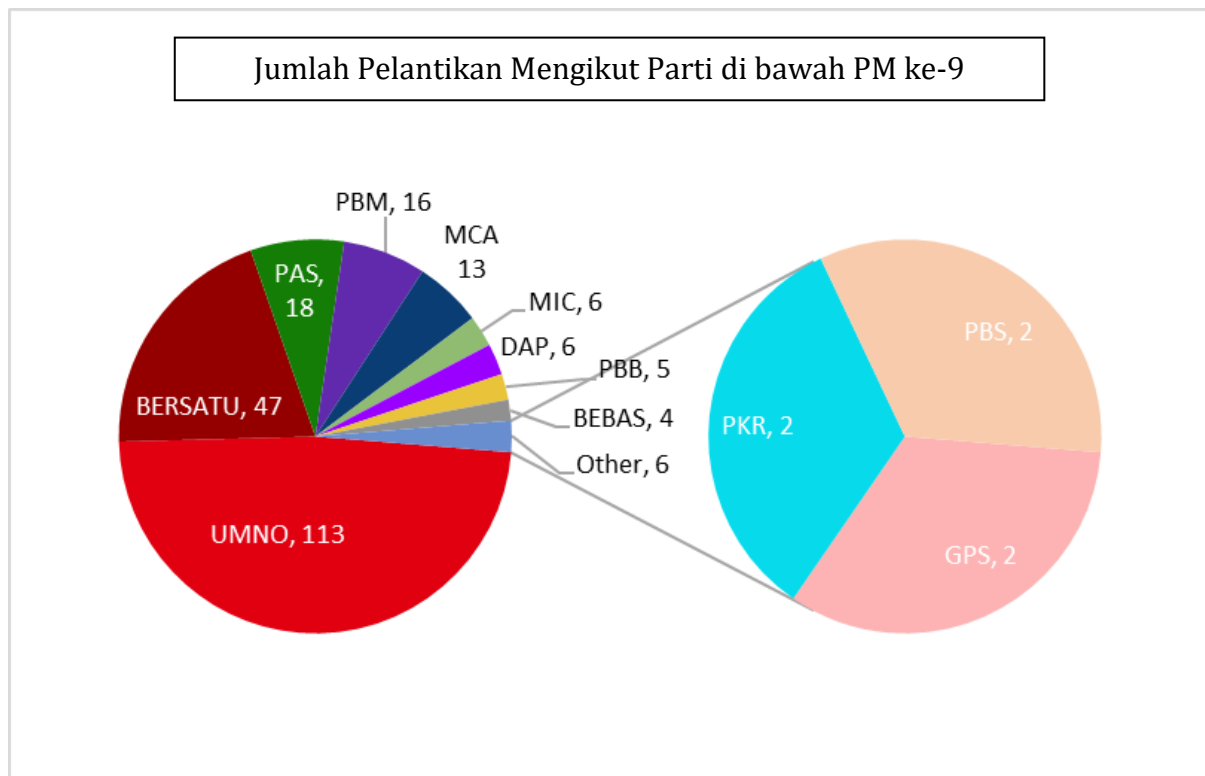
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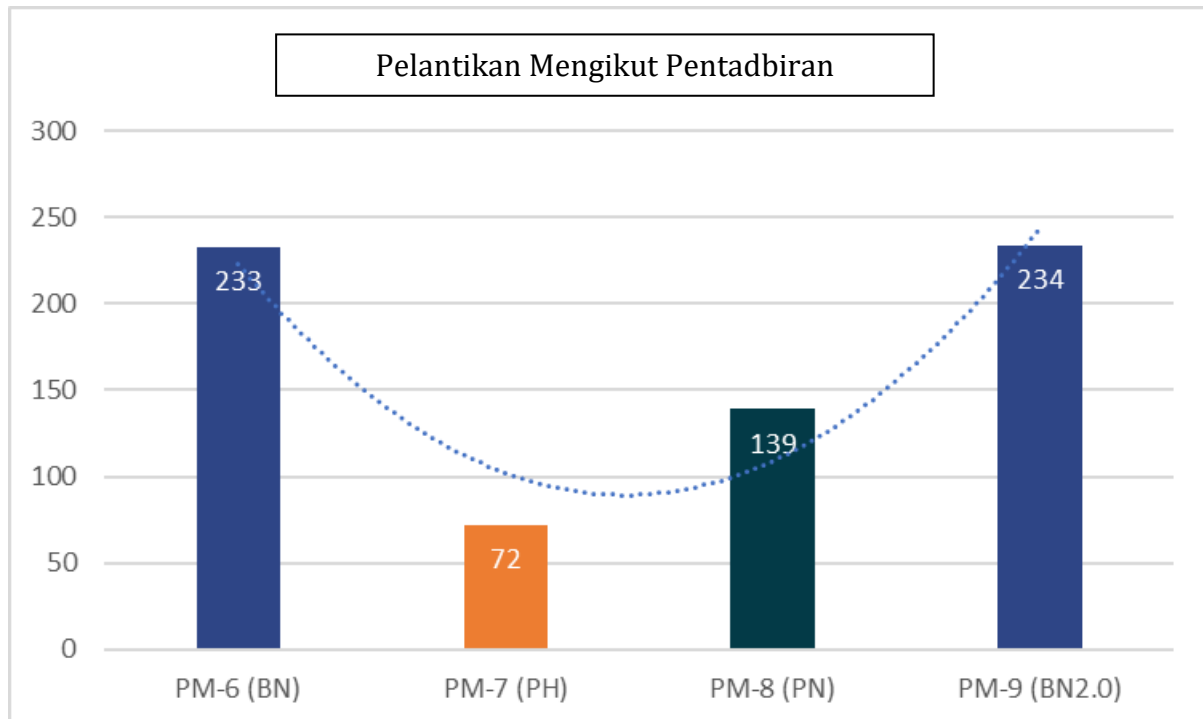
Size of political appointments in four administrations

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