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JELI: The 2023 Budget to be tabled in Parliament next month will focus on the recovery of the country's economy.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the proposed supply bill would cover short and medium-term plans for the nation's economic transformation.

"We should introduce reform measures because if we continue with the old ways, we will not succeed.

"Economic transformation is important for the country to become stronger and more resilient in dealing with challenges."

He said this after presenting donations to 64 outstanding students from the Jeli parliamentary constituency here yesterday.

Mustapa added that the government was focusing on economic issues to ensure the country's economy remained strong.

"Previously, the primary focus was on health aspects due to Covid-19.

"Now, after almost finishing (with) Covid-19, we are focusing on the economy.

"We want to see how inflation continues to be controlled, how job opportunities continue to be created and how small and medium enterprises continue to be helped.

"These are our priorities and whatever is lacking, we will continue to improve."

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Parliament and Law) Datuk Seri Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar confirmed that the 2023 Budget would be tabled on Oct 7, earlier than the original date of Oct 28.

The third meeting of the fifth session of the 14th Parliament (2022) will begin on Oct 3.

According to the original Parliament calendar, the coming session of the Dewan Rakyat was supposed to be for 31 days from Oct 26 to Dec 15, while the Dewan Negara was supposed to meet from Dec 8 to 22.

However, the session had been brought forward by 23 days under the new calendar, where the Dewan Rakyat will sit for 32 days from Oct 3 to Nov 29 and the Dewan Negara from Nov 21 to Dec 7.



Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed talking to one of 64 outstanding students from the Jeli parliamentary constituency yesterday. BERNAMA PIC