

Job mismatch the bane of grads

PETALING JAYA: Undertaking jobs beneath their qualifications has been the bane of up to 1.55 million graduates nationwide, according to data by the **Statistics Department (DOSM)**.

The remaining 2.3% are in the low-skilled category and working in elementary occupations. "This involves those who are from families where they are the first generation to graduate as (some) have chosen fields where there are fewer job opportunities," he said during the question-and-answer session in the Dewan Rakyat on Aug 3.

The data Hawati was referring to is based on a four-year time frame between 2018 and 2021. Aside from that, she added that polemics pertaining to graduates' quality and the demands from employers should also be highlighted. Commenting on the issue of underemployment, Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) president Datuk Dr Syed Hussain Syed Husman said a quicker way for graduates to become industry-relevant was to start gaining experience and skills.

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