

1,355 detainees tested positive since May 1

THE Immigration Department recorded 1,355 detainees who tested positive for Covid-19 at detention depots since May 1.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ismail Mohamed Said said the Langkap detention depot recorded 481 Covid-19-positive cases followed by the Semenyih detention centre (127), the Kuala Lumpur International Airport depot (77) and 20 each at the Belantik, Putrajaya, Lenggeng and

Juru detention depots. The highest number of Covid-19 infections recorded was at 650 on Aug 29.

“The Prisons Department recorded 829 positive cases among inmates during a screening of 60,583 prisoners since Aug 29.”

Ismail Mohamed was replying to a question from Dr Lee Boon Chye (PKR-Gopeng), who wanted to know the total number of Covid-19 cases among prisoners

and immigration detainees.

To a supplementary question from Lee on the standard operating procedures for enforcement officers under the Home Ministry in terms of handling prisoners and detainees, Ismail Mohamed said it was based on two conditions, which involved the process of receiving (the detainees and prisoners) and bringing them out to receive treatment and to court.