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132,801 in PTPTN blacklist

A TOTAL of 132,801 National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) loan defaulters had been blacklisted as at Aug 31, said Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah.

The blacklisted cases involved loans amounting to RM2.1 billion, he said in reply to a question from Datuk Mahfuz Omar (PAS-Pokok Sena) who wanted to know how many debtors had been blacklisted. Saifuddin said that PTPTN was flexible with borrowers.

“We will issue four reminders

including the claim notice before the summons letter is issued by the court and if that fails, they will be blacklisted,” he said.

“Each notice is also issued between long intervals to give borrowers ample time to reply.”

Saifuddin said PTPTN had no intention of troubling the loan defaulters, but they had to be blacklisted because they had ignored the notices.

He said PTPTN’s claims procedure was soft on errant borrowers. – Bernama