KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Liew Vui Keong Thursday refuted claims by opposition MPs that the government planned to bulldoze eight bills by arranging them to be tabled in Dewan Rakyat sitting.

Today is also the last day of the Dewan Rakyat sitting for this session.

“No, no, there is no such thing as bulldozing. All the MPs have been given notice (on April 16) on all these bills in the Order Paper. How can they be bulldozed.

“They cannot say they did not know about it, we have already given them notice earlier,” he told reporters when met at Parliament’s lobby today.

He was asked to respond to complaints by opposition MPs that there will not be enough time to debate all the eight bills at the policy and committee levels Thursday.

They also complained that they were not given early notification to debate all the bills.

Among the bills set to be debated at the House today are the Election Offences (Amendment) Bill 2011, Universities and University Colleges (Amendment) Bill 2012, and the Printing Presses and Publications (Amendment) Bill 2012.

Liew also reminded the lawmakers not to waste time debating on irrelevant issues at the Dewan Rakyat, other than related to the bills tabled.

“They should be more responsible and not drag on irrelevant issues. And they have been wasting a lot of precious time talking about other things which are irrelevant to the bills during the debate session.

“Please don’t consider the Parliament as a place where you can say all types of things, whatever you want,” he said. — Bernama