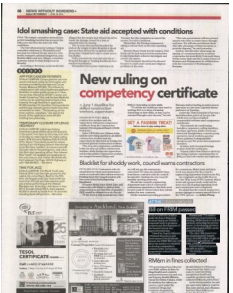


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## Bill on FRIM passed

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A Bill to make the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) a corporate body to promote research and development of the forestry sector was approved yesterday.

Tabled by Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Datuk Hamim Samuri, the FRIM Bill 2016 will allow the institute to establish or develop companies to commercialise and manage programmes related to its field of research.

Hamim said: "To reduce dependence on government funding, FRIM needs to look for partners, including the private sector, in developing products and technologies which can be commercialised."

The other Bill passed was the Supplementary Supply (2015) 2016 Bill which sought an additional expenditure of RM3.31 billion.

Dewan Rakyat had passed the Bill on April 7.

The sitting continues. - Bernama