

# NFC issue: MCA confident Shahrizat will exercise wisdom

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The MCA is confident that Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil would exercise her political wisdom over the National Feedlot Corporation (NFC) controversy, said party president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek.

“She is a senior party leader. We have confidence in her making a decision in the best interest of BN (Barisan Nasional) and Umno.”

Chua said this yesterday when asked whether Shahrizat should resign from her cabinet position over the NFC controversy.

He was speaking to reporters after presenting cheques at Wisma MCA to 21 individuals for medical treatment.

On the negative perception generated by the controversy towards BN, Chua said the public should not pre-judge the issue as the police and Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission are

investigating the matter.

“We should let the law run its course. No one is guilty until proven so.”

The NFC, headed by Shahrizat’s husband, Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Salleh Ismail, has been embroiled in a controversy since the Auditor-General’s Report for 2010 was pursued by the Opposition since it was revealed last October.

Opposition politicians have alleged irregularities over the RM250 million soft loan given by the government to NFC.

The NFC is a project in Gemas, Negri Sembilan, aimed at boosting the production of beef to reduce dependence on imported beef.

On Wednesday, Shahrizat submitted herself for questioning by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and maintained she had never been involved in awarding the cattle-breeding project to NFC, or in the company’s decision-making. - Bernama