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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The government is maintaining coal as the primary source of electricity generation due to its lower production costs and to ensure electricity tariffs remain affordable for consumers, said Energy Transition and Water Transformation Deputy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir.

He said the government is committed to providing sufficient and

sustainable electricity supply at accessible rates.

"Malaysia's electricity generation relies heavily on coal and gas as the main fossil fuel sources to meet base load demand."

"However, the government remains focused on balancing energy affordability while exploring cleaner and more sustainable energy options," he said during a

question-and-answer session at the Dewan Negara here yesterday.

He was responding to Senator Robert Lau Hui Yew, who asked about the percentage of electricity generated from coal and whether there are plans to transition to net-zero carbon technologies.

He said based on the latest data presented at the Planning and Implementation Committee for

Electricity Supply and Tariff meeting on Nov 21 last year, coal accounts for 36.4% of installed capacity in Peninsular Malaysia.

"The meeting on Feb 7, 2023 decided that no new coal-fired power plants would be built, in line with the Power Development Plan projections."

"This decision supports Malaysia's commitment under the 2015 Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas

emission intensity by 45% by 2030 and achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050."

He said the government is exploring methods to cut carbon emissions in electricity generation, including by mothballing, co-firing and adopting new clean energy technologies, with nuclear power among the options under consideration. - Bernama