

MCA: Women forced to contra debts with sex

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KUALA LUMPUR: Women with severe gambling habits have been forced to repay their debts to loan sharks with sexual favours, the MCA has revealed.

Its Public Services and Complaints Department head Michael Chong said the women, mostly uneducated housewives, were asked to have sex

with the loan sharks and customers recommended by them to "contra" their debts.

"The loan sharks would first sleep with the women before offering them to other clients who were interested.

"The going price would initially be RM200 per session. However, the woman's commanding fee would subse-

quently be reduced to only RM50 as the customers' interest on an 'old' housewife dwindles," he said.

Chong said the amount owed by these housewives were between RM3,000 and RM50,000 which comes with an exorbitant interest of 50% to 100%.

"With such high interest

rates many of the housewives find it very difficult to pay back the debts as the amount owed keeps increasing.

"The loan sharks would threaten to disturb their families or expose their activities to their husbands if they refuse to give in to their demands.

"We advise the public not to

borrow money from loan sharks and report the matter to the authorities if they insist on charging exorbitant interest or unreasonable demands," he said.

Chong said the MCA decided to reveal the problem because it did not want suicides to occur.