

# Over 1,600 suicides reported since start of MCO

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THERE were more than 1,600 suicides reported across the country since the movement control order was announced on March 18, 2020 to Dec 31 last year, according to data from the Home Ministry.

“Based on investigations, among the causes of suicides included financial problems, health problems, emotional stress and family problems,” said the Home Ministry in a written reply on Tuesday.

The Home Ministry was responding to Datuk Seri Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawa (PH-Parit Buntar), who asked the ministry to reveal the number of suicides during the MCO.

The MCO was refined over several stages in accordance with the severity of the pandemic.

Those suffering from problems can reach out to Mental Health Psychosocial Support Service (03-2935 9935 or 014-322 3392); Talian Kasih (15999 or WhatsApp 019-261 5999); Jakim’s Family, Social and Community care centre (WhatsApp 0111-959 8214); and Befrienders Kuala Lumpur (03-7627 2929 or [www.befrienders.org.my/centre-in-malaysia](http://www.befrienders.org.my/centre-in-malaysia) a full list of numbers and operating hours).