

'Water supply manageable'

KUALA LUMPUR: For now, at least, the National Water Services Commission (Span) does not expect any dry taps, despite the El Nino effect causing hotter spells and less rainfall until March.

Span chairman Datuk Ismail Kasim said water supply in the peninsula and Labuan was still under control.

"Span has yet to receive any report on the scarcity of water supply due to the current hot weather," he said in a statement yesterday.

However, he urged water operators to monitor water levels of dams and rivers that supply water to treatment plants in their respective states.

"This is because the state govern-

ments are responsible for ensuring water resources are adequate to meet demand."

Ismail urged state governments to look for alternative sources, such as underground water and ponds, to increase water resources.

He advised consumers not to waste water so that the existing water supply could last longer.