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Report on Cuepacs' requests ready soon

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The Public Services Department is expected to finalise a report on the four Cuepacs memoranda including the one requesting an increase in housing allowances for civil servants by the end of the month.

Cuepacs Secretary-General N.Siva Subramaniam said today that Cuepacs had been informed that the PSD's report was being finalised and would be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We hope the Government will give a favourable response to the request by civil servants," he said.

Cuepacs submitted four memoranda to the PSD on Jan 10 in line with Dr Mahathir's directive at a meeting last October.

The other memoranda are on the new pension formula, Malaysia Incorporated and the matrix scale.

Cuepacs has asked that the housing allowance for the management, professional and support level staff be increased to RM230. Management and professional level staff received RM110 with RM90 for those in the support group.

Siva Subramaniam said the Government should provide more living quarters for civil servants if the request could not be met and for the replacement of such premises demolished to make way for development projects.

Siva Subramaniam, who is also the National Union of the Teaching Profession secretary-general, said the union would hold a meeting with the Education Ministry on Saturday in connection with the request by teachers for optional retirement at 40, like those given to other civil servants.

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