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NO PLANS TO EXTEND STAGGERED WORKING HOURS TO OTHER STATES

BANGI, July 7 (Bernama) -- There are currently no plans to extend the staggered working hours system to government agencies outside the Klang Valley, Public Services Department director-general Tan Sri Dr Mazlan Ahmad said today.

He said the PSD must first ensure that the system was effective considering the high cost involved in extending it to other states.

"We also need some time to see if the public make full use of the (staggered) hours," he told reporters here after opening a national seminar on public administration.

Under the system implemented in government agencies in the federal capital in May, offices are open from 7.30 am to 4.45 pm on Mondays to Fridays (with a break from 12.15 pm to 2.45 pm on Friday alone) and from 7.30 am to 1.15 pm on Saturdays.

Mazlan said the introduction of the staggered working hours was one of the ways identified to improve the public sector.

Last Friday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the public service sector must be revamped to reduce red tape which could delay the approval of applications needed to revive the economy.

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