

# PSD to fine-tune changes to NRS

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## Samsudin: Issues raised being looked into

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PUTRAJAYA, Sun. — The Public Services Department is expected to take between one and two months to fine-tune several aspects proposed for incorporation in the existing New Remuneration Scheme.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman said the proposed changes will take into consideration the issues raised by Cuepacs.

“In principle, there are no problems but there are problems in implementation which the congress is unhappy about. These are matters being fine-tuned by the PSD,” he said.

Samsudin was speaking to reporters after launching a fishing competition held in conjunction with Federal Territory Day at Kelab Tasik Putrajaya here.

He also said the proposed changes would generally provide better opportunities to civil servants for promotions and fine-tune salary scales.

Samsudin, however, said any changes would also have to be carefully done so as not to drastically increase government expenditure as there had already been recent salary increases.

On Thursday, it was reported that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad directed the PSD to fine-tune several aspects proposed for incorporation in the

NRS.

Dr Mahathir had said a decision on whether to implement the scheme would be made once all reservations were acted upon.

He also said the department had briefed him on the proposed changes to the scheme but felt several elements needed further study.

The Prime Minister had indicated that under the new proposal, it would cost the government RM1 billion or more in additional expenditure.

The PSD conducted a review of the NRS in 1992.

Since its implementation, the scheme has been a constant cause of dissatisfaction among civil servants.