

PM: Bonus

request

under study

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LANGKAWI: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government is studying the request by Cuepacs for a two-month bonus payment to the 960,000 civil servants this year.

"We can only give what we can afford. When we say we are studying the application, it does not mean that we agree.

"It is strange at times that when we say we are studying a proposal people think we have already agreed," the Prime Minister told a press conference after receiving a courtesy call by Zimbabwe's President Robert Gabriel Mugabe.

Dr Mahathir said he has yet to see the report on the economic performance in the second quarter of the year.

He was commenting on the statement by Cuepacs secretary-general Abdul Rahman Manan on Friday who said the request had recently been handed over to him.