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Civil servants need to improve service

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RECENTLY, when asked to comment on the revised remuneration scheme or the Malaysian Remuneration System for the civil servants, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad remarked "it was impossible to fulfil every workers' demand" (NST, Oct 15).

This is certainly the case since the Government is the biggest single employer, having close to one million civil servants on its payroll, not forgetting the few hundred thousands pensioners as well.

The new salary and perks may not be comparable with the earnings of those in the private sector, but government employees have a certain edge over their counterparts, in that they are more secure in their employment.

Some government employees, however, have been causing all sorts of problems.

Government employees must work harder to serve the public. Their support and allegiance to the government of the day - their paymaster, should be