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SALARIES PANEL PUTS FORWARD COUNTER PROPOSALS TO PSD

PUTRAJAYA, June 4 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said today the committee on public sector employees' salaries and posts has put forward counter proposals to the Public Service Department (PSD) on the revision of the new remuneration system (SSB).

The committee chaired by the Prime Minister himself made the counter proposals after being briefed by the PSD on the proposed revision of the SSB.

"The committee studied the report from the PSD and then made several decisions which cannot be made public at this juncture....in fact the committee made some counter proposals which will have to be studied by the PSD," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is the Finance Minister, was speaking to reporters after chairing the fourth session of the Pre-Budget 2003 Dialogue at the Prime Minister's Department here.

Asked when the final announcement on the SSB revision would be made, Dr Mahathir said, "I am waiting for the PSD to submit its final report and the committee has given me the mandate to study it and make a decision as soon as possible."

The SSB was introduced in 1992 and since then it has created some dissatisfaction among civil servants over promotion and salary increments.

Under the SSB, only five per cent of civil servants are eligible for vertical or diagonal salary increments each year.

Cuepacs has demanded that the matrix system be abolished.

Early this year, the PSD submitted a report on the SSB revision to the Prime Minister.

However Dr Mahathir directed the PSD to study several aspects of the preliminary report as it would involve an additional expenditure of RM1 billion.

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