

Cuepacs can appeal demands
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Cuepacs can make an appeal for reconsideration of its demands which were not fulfilled in the Budget 2009 tabled yesterday.
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Deputy prime minister Najib Abdul Razak said the government was unable to meet the demands from all quarters, including Cuepacs' demand for an increase in housing allowance and an adjustment of the cost-of-living allowance.

"We cannot expect to have all demands fulfilled at every budget. Last year, the government entertained Cuepacs' demand for a salary increase and provided the largest pay hike ever but there was no bonus payment.

Benefit indirectly

"This year, we have given a one-month bonus. We have to consider our capacity to make the payments. Civil servants also benefit indirectly from the other allocations of the government," Najib was quoted by Bernama as saying in Pekan today.

Cuepacs president Omar Osman had lamented yesterday that some of the demands of the umbrella body for civil service unions had not been fulfilled in Budget 2009.

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