

# New pension scheme will have better perks

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THE new pension scheme, being fine-tuned now, will be better than the current one.

This was the assurance given by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Suliman, who said the benefits under the new Pension Trust Fund (KWAP) were superior to those of the present scheme.

"The contributions to the new fund will also be guaranteed by the government," he said, to a question from Datuk Richard Riot Jaem (BN-Serian).

Rahman said the KWAP was not the same as the Employees' Provident Fund, although there was a similarity where the contributions were made by the employer (the government) and workers (civil servants).

He said the amount to be contributed by the government and civil servants was being worked out. He added that the scheme would be implemented at a date to be fixed by the government and would only involve new staff.

"Those who have been serving between one and three years will be given an option of which scheme they want to contribute to."

Rahman said the pension would be calculated for every year of service under the proposed scheme, compared with the current pension scheme which only takes into account a maximum of 25 years of service.

Abdul Rahman said that under the new pension scheme, the government would be able to save RM5.3 billion annually.