

**DPM: Scheme scrapped not due to polls**  
**TheStarOnline**  
**March 9, 2012**

KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has played down talk that the Public Service New Remuneration Scheme (SBPA) had been scrapped due to an impending general election.

"There will always be speculation. Anyone can speculate about it (the general election).

"We are focusing on our preparations for the elections and will continue our efforts," he told a press conference after launching KTMB's new MyKomuter trains here yesterday.

Muhyiddin said the Government reverted to the old scheme with improvements in response to complaints from lower-ranking civil servants.

Cuepacs, the umbrella body for civil service unions, had objected to the new scheme, saying that it benefited mostly the top government officers.

Deputy Higher Education Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah said the scrapping of SBPA demonstrated that the Government heeded the voice of the people.

"It shows that the PM acknowledges the voice of the people. In this case the civil servants represent civil society," he added.

"SBPA had to be cancelled because there were government departments which did not understand the role of civil society and did not have the due consultation which they were supposed to," he said in a statement.

Saifuddin said there are three developmental sectors in a modern society – the Government, business and civil society.

"Government departments need to understand and really acknowledge the other two sectors.

"There has to be genuine consultation between the Government and these other sectors, and not just half-heartedly," he said.

Copyright © 1995-2012 Star Publications (M) Bhd

Source:

<http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2012/3/9/nation/10883254&sec=nation>