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CIVIL SERVICE MID-YEAR PAYMENT

Civil servants to get mid-year payment of 0.5 month and between \$100 and \$300

- Lower division officers will receive more, in line with NWC's call to give more to low-wage workers.

The economy grew by 6.7% in the first quarter of 2008, compared to 5.4% in the last quarter of 2007. The Ministry of Trade and Industry has announced that the Singapore economy is expected to grow by 4 to 6% in 2008.

Against this backdrop, the Government has decided to pay a mid-year payment of 0.5 month and between \$100 and \$300 in July 2008. Officers in the lower divisions, Division III and IV, will receive \$250 and \$300 respectively. Division I and II officers will receive \$100.

The mid-year payment with higher amounts of \$250 to \$300 for officers in the lower divisions has taken into consideration the National Wages Council's call to give a one-off special payment to help rank-and-file workers, particularly low wage workers, better cope with the impact of inflation this year.

The Government will decide on the year-end payment for civil servants when Singapore's economic performance in the second half of 2008 is clearer.

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