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Nice job if you can get it

In Singapore, the prime minister earns \$1.7m a year and senior civil servants get as much as \$200,000, while the average annual salary in the country is about \$35,000. PM Lee Hsien Loong said yesterday on CNN's GPS that it's important for the pay to be commensurate with the responsibility of the position and the quality of the person in the job. The Czech media are releasing one news report after another (including one last night on ČT) about the large bonuses of some civil servants, but rarely do we get an idea of whether the state is getting proper value for its money. Instead, we get the impression that some government workers are earning much more in the state sector than anyone would ever be willing to pay them in the private sector (such as Jana Nagyová or Martin Říman). The assumption must be, until Nečas shows otherwise, that the compensation is so high simply because it is possible to pay it.

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