

Government girls upset...

# 1,800 typists decide on 'work-to-rule'

MORE THAN 400 Government shorthand-audio-typists today will join 1,400 Government general typists in holding a two-week "work-to-rule" industrial campaign.

The chairman of the newly-formed Government Shorthand-Audio-Typists' Association, Mrs Matilda Cheung, said yesterday the decision to stage their action was taken at a meeting last Saturday.

They are asking the Government for a pay increase and more promotion opportunities.

Mrs Cheung claimed the SATs first raised their grievances with the Government early in 1975. They have held six meetings with the Government, but she said each meeting ended in a deadlock.

They petitioned the Governor last month and claimed yesterday they had not received a "satisfactory answer" from the Government.

Announcing the work-to-rule decision yesterday, Mrs Cheung said they would not accept "extra duties" such as handling confidential files, answering the telephone and taking messages for their "bosses" until April 13.

But she pointed out that they would carry on normal duties, such as taking shorthand, performing audio-typing and routine clerical works.

However, Mrs Cheung said that as "extra duties" take up more than 50 per cent of their average workload, the joint action of about 2,000 typists is expected to have a big impact on Government.