

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(SECOND SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024**

No. 126

10.30 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.
Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member).
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Finance.
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).
Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).
Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.
Mr KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member).
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).
Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).
Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker.
Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Trade and Industry.
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.
Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).
Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied).
Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).
Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.
Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies.
Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House.
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health and Government Whip.
Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.
Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.
Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).
Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.
Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.
Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member).

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).
Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).
Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).
Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).
Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).
Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).
Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).
Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.
Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).
Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).
Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.
Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).
Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.
Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).
Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).
Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).
Mr ONG HUA HAN (Nominated Member).
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.
Mr NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member).
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).
Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law.
Assoc Prof RAZWANA BEGUM ABDUL RAHIM (Nominated Member).
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).
Ms SEE JINLI JEAN (Nominated Member).
Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.
Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).
Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.
Mr SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nominated Member).
Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).
Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development.
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.
Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member).

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).

Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

- 1 8 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 2 Budget Statement – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) (3rd Allotted Day) – Question again proposed on resumption of Debate on Question (16 February 2024), "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025."; Debate resumed.

Question put and agreed to.

- 3 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "We have completed the debate on the Budget Statement. I propose to take a break now and we will resume Sitting at 2.45 pm. I have also revised the commencement time of the Committee of Supply. With the change in commencement time to start Committee of Supply at 2.45 pm, the revised guillotine time for Head U, Prime Minister's Office, is 5.20 pm.
- Hon. Members will be notified of the revised conclusion times for the subsequent Heads of Expenditure."
- 4 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 2024) – Committee of Supply (1st Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

(In the Committee)

Head U – Prime Minister's Office –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head U of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Ms Poh Li San).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$619,177,000 for Head U agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$61,955,200 for Head U agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head M – Ministry of Finance –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head M of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Liang Eng Hwa).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$1,150,716,900 for Head M agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$161,511,500 for Head M agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head J – Ministry of Defence –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head J of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Vikram Nair); Debate arising.

- 5 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order No 91(3)(d), Mr Speaker extended the sitting beyond the time specified for the Committee of Supply for a period of up to 30 minutes.

6 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 2024) – Consideration in the Committee of Supply resumed.

Head J – Ministry of Defence –

Debate resumed on Questions, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head J of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Vikram Nair).

With the consent of Mr Speaker, Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That progress be reported and leave be asked to sit again tomorrow." – (Minister for Defence).

Progress reported – (Minister for Defence).

Committee to sit again Tomorrow.

7 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn.".

Adjourned at 8.05 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 10.30 am on Thursday, 29 February 2024.
