

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2024**

*No. 122*

**10.30 am**

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).  
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).  
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 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).  
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 SITO H 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).

ABSENT:

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

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- 1 24 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 2 Advancing Mental Health – (Dr Wan Rizal) – Question again proposed on the resumption of debate (6 February 2024), "That this House recognises the importance of mental health as a health, social and economic issue; affirms the importance of a robust national mental health ecosystem; and calls for a whole-of-Singapore effort to implement a national strategy to enhance mental health and well-being. ".  
Question put and agreed to.
- 3 Public Finances – (Mr Leong Mun Wai) – Motion made, and Question proposed – "That this House calls on the Government to review its current budget and reserve accumulation policies in order to help present-day Singaporeans reduce their financial burdens and improve their quality of life, while continuing to save for future generations of Singaporeans."  
Amendments proposed:  
(1) In line 1, to delete "review" and insert "ensure";  
(2) In line 1, to delete "current";  
(3) In line 2, after the words "reserve accumulation policies", to insert "always stay fiscally responsible and sustainable,"; and  
(4) In line 3, to delete "continuing to save" and insert "planning and providing". – (Mr Liang Eng Hwa).  
Question proposed, "The Question is the amendments as moved by Mr Liang Eng Hwa."; Debate arising.
- 4 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of Minister Indranee Rajah's speech."
- 5 Exempted Business – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2."
- 6 Public Finances – (Mr Leong Mun Wai) – Debate resumed on Question, "The Question is the amendments as moved by Mr Liang Eng Hwa. ".  
Question, "That amendment number (1) be made.", put, and agreed to with the following Members dissenting:-  
Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis (Sengkang)  
Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied)  
Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang)  
Mr Leong Mun Wai (Non-Constituency Member)  
Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang)  
Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap (Aljunied)  
Ms Hazel Poa (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)  
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Hougang)

Question, "That amendment number (2) be made", put and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (3) be made", put and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (4) be made.", put and agreed to.

Original motion, as amended, put and agreed to with the following Members dissenting:-

Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis (Sengkang)  
Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied)  
Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang)  
Mr Leong Mun Wai (Non-Constituency Member)  
Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang)  
Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap (Aljunied)  
Ms Hazel Poa (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)  
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Hougang)

Resolved, "That this House calls on the Government to ensure its budget and reserve accumulation policies always stay fiscally responsible and sustainable in order to help present-day Singaporeans reduce their financial burdens and improve their quality of life, while planning and providing for future generations of Singaporeans."

- 7 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 16 February 2024."
- 8 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.
- On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 9.30 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,  
*Speaker*

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#### MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to 16 February 2024.

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