

**FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(FIRST SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2026**

No. 33

12 noon

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER [Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)]
Mr ABDUL MUHAJIB ABDUL MALIK (Sengkang)
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast-Jurong West)
Mr AZHAR OTHMAN (Nominated Member)
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Transport
Mr CAI YINZHOU (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for National Development
Dr CHARLENE CHEN (Tampines)
Ms ELYSA CHEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah)
Ms EILEEN CHONG PEI SHAN (Non-Constituency Member)
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines Changkat), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence
Dr CHOO PEI LING (Chua Chu Kang)
Mr ERIC CHUA (Queenstown), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Social and Family Development
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang)
Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio)
Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker
Mr DINESH VASU DASH (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Manpower
Mr FADLI FAWZI (Aljunied)
Mr FOO CEXIANG (Tanjong Pagar)
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade)
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Ms GHO SZE KEE (Mountbatten)
Mr GERALD GIAN YEAN SONG (Aljunied)

Ms GOH HANYAN (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment
Assoc Prof KENNETH GOH (Nominated Member)
Mr GOH PEI MING (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development
Dr HAMID RAZAK (West Coast-Jurong West)
Dr HARESH SINGARAJU (Nominated Member)
Ms HAZLINA ABDUL HALIM (East Coast)
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang)
Assoc Prof TERENCE HO (Nominated Member)
Mr DAVID HOE (Jurong East-Bukit Batok)
Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (West Coast-Jurong West), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Manpower
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Pasir Ris-Changi), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Government Whip
Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines)
Ms KUAH BOON THENG (Nominated Member)
Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru)
Mr GABRIEL LAM (Sembawang)
Mr JACKSON LAM (Nee Soon)
Ms JASMIN LAU (Ang Mo Kio), Acting Minister for Manpower and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information
Ms CASSANDRA LEE (West Coast-Jurong West)
Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast-Jurong West), Minister for Education and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration
Mr LEE HONG CHUANG (Jurong East-Bukit Batok)
Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister
Ms LEE HUI YING (Nee Soon)
Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member)
Ms VALERIE LEE (Pasir Ris-Changi)
Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang)
Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang)
Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied)
Mr SHAWN LOH (Jalan Besar)
Mr LOW WU YANG ANDRE (Non-Constituency Member)
Ms LOW YEN LING (Bukit Gombak), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Mr VICTOR LYE (Ang Mo Kio)
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang)
Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Transport
Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio)
Dr NEO KOK BENG (Nominated Member)
Mr DAVID NEO (Tampines), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Education
Mr NG CHEE MENG (Jalan Kayu), Minister, Prime Minister's Office
Mr NG SHI XUAN (Sembawang)
Miss RACHEL ONG (Tanjong Pagar)
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health
Ms DIANA PANG LI YEN (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar)
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar)
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang West)
Prof KENNETH POON (Nominated Member)
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied)
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr SANJEEV KUMAR TIWARI (Nominated Member)
Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Senior Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs
Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Changi)
Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Deputy Government Whip
Mr JEFFREY SIOH (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Finance
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee)
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Transport
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of National Development
Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development
Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Changi), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang)
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Trade and Industry (Energy and Industry)
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast)
Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer)

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information
Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)
Mr KENNETH TIONG BOON KIAT (Aljunied)
Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (East Coast), Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang)
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar)
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong Central), Deputy Speaker
Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee)
Mr ALEX YEO (Potong Pasir)
Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang)
Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas)
Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Deputy Leader of the House
Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs

ABSENT:

Ms YEO WAN LING (Punggol)

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- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
- 1.1 Protection from Harassment (Public Service Worker) (Amendment) Order 2026 – Presented on 9 July 2026 (S. L. 380 of 2026)
 - 1.2 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2026 – Presented on 13 July 2026 (S. L. 381 of 2026)
 - 1.3 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2026 – Presented on 13 July 2026 (S. L. 382 of 2026)
 - 1.4 Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2026 – Presented on 13 July 2026 (S. L. 383 of 2026)
 - 1.5 Goods and Services Tax (Buildings, Flats and Tenements for Residential Purposes) (Amendment) Order 2026 – Presented on 13 July 2026 (S. L. 384 of 2026)
 - 1.6 Goods and Services Tax (Non-taxable Public Agency Supplies) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2026 – Presented on 13 July 2026 (S. L. 385 of 2026)
 - 1.7 Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2025/26 – Presented on 14 July 2026 (Cmd. 6 of 2026)

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- 1.8 Protection from Harassment (Public Service Worker) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2026 – Presented on 16 July 2026 (S. L. 386 of 2026)
 - 1.9 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2025 – Presented on 17 July 2026 (S. 132 of 2026)
 - 1.10 Government Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2025/2026 – Presented on 20 July 2026 (Cmd. 7 of 2026)
 - 1.11 Community Care Endowment Fund Annual Report for Financial Year 2025 – Presented on 24 July 2026 (S. 133 of 2026)
 - 1.12 Environmental Public Health (Toxic Industrial Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 24 July 2026 (S. L. 387 of 2026)
 - 1.13 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Collection) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 24 July 2026 (S. L. 388 of 2026)
 - 1.14 Report of the Commission on Parliament Staff – Presented on 27 July 2026 (Misc. 4 of 2026)
 - 1.15 Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) Rules 2026 – Presented on 27 July 2026 (S. L. 389 of 2026)
 - 1.16 Environmental Public Health (General Cleaning Industry) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 28 July 2026 (S. L. 390 of 2026)
 - 1.17 Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2026 – Presented on 28 July 2026 (S. L. 391 of 2026)
 - 1.18 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 July 2026 (S. L. 392 of 2026)
 - 1.19 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2025/2026 – Presented on 3 August 2026 (S. 134 of 2026)
 - 1.20 Health Products (Therapeutic Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 3 August 2026 (S. L. 393 of 2026)
 - 1.21 Health Products (Cosmetic Products — ASEAN Cosmetic Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 3 August 2026 (S. L. 394 of 2026)
 - 1.22 Poisons (Amendment) Rules 2026 – Presented on 3 August 2026 (S. L. 395 of 2026)
 - 1.23 Prisons Act 1933 (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2026 – Presented on 3 August 2026 (S. L. 396 of 2026)
 - 1.24 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 4 August 2026 (S. L. 397 of 2026)

- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:
- "For the record, I have to inform honourable Members that on 20 July 2026, Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim resigned from his seat in Parliament for the electoral division of Marine Parade-Braddell Heights. Members were informed of the resignation of Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim by me on the same day.
- In accordance with clause (2)(c) of Article 46 of the Constitution, the seat of Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim became vacant on 20 July 2026."
- 3 Question Time:
- Extension of Question Time – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order 22(1), Question Time at this day's Sitting continue until the completion of Question No 25, including relevant supplementary questions thereon."
- 25 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 Civil Defence Shelter and Fire Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend the Civil Defence Shelter Act 1997 and the Fire Safety Act 1993, and to repeal the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) (Amendment) Act 2019" – presented the by Senior Minister of State, (Mr Goh Pei Ming), on behalf of the Senior Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 15/2026].
- 5 Scams (Countermeasures) and Other Matters Bill – "to amend the Protection from Scams Act 2025 and the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act 1906 to counter and prevent scams, to amend the Online Criminal Harms Act 2023 and the Police Force Act 2004 to enhance enforcement measures and to make related and consequential amendments to the Banking Act 1970" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Mr Goh Pei Ming), on behalf of the Senior Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 16/2026].
- 6 Health Sciences Authority (Amendment) and Other Matters Bill – "to amend the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001, the Biological Agents and Toxins Act 2005, the Human Biomedical Research Act 2015 and the Healthcare Services Act 2020, and to make related and miscellaneous amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Rahayu Mahzam), on behalf of the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 17/2026].
- 7 Land Titles (Strata) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Land Titles (Strata) Act 1967 and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Mr Murali Pillai), on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 18/2026].

8 Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – (Second Minister for Home Affairs (Ms Sim Ann), on behalf of the Senior Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

9 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:

"On behalf of Honourable Members, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of the Kingdom of Thailand and her entourage who are present in our Chamber. Her Royal Highness is visiting Singapore with a delegation of officers and cadets from the Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy who are present here today.

Her Royal Highness is a cherished and longstanding friend of Singapore who has played a pivotal role in deepening our bilateral ties, particularly in education, healthcare, and science and technology.

Her steadfast support for the Global Young Scientists Summit has fostered enduring links between the young scientists of our two countries, through promoting collaboration, mutual understanding and lasting friendships. Her Royal Highness also championed the establishment of the Chaipattana Foundation-Republic of Singapore Short-term Cultural and Educational Exchange Programme, which enables Thai students and teachers to participate in meaningful exchanges with their counterparts at NorthLight School in Singapore. These initiatives have helped to strengthen the ties between the next generations of our countries.

Her Royal Highness has devoted her life to improving the well-being of the people of Thailand through her guidance of several charitable and public service organisations, including the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Foundation, the Chaipattana Foundation and the Thai Red Cross Society. Her Royal Highness' commitment and dedication to education, sustainable development, public health and humanitarian causes have benefitted countless lives both within Thailand and beyond.

In recognition of her remarkable contributions to Thai society and her enduring impact internationally, the National University of Singapore conferred upon Her Royal Highness an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters in 2025.

We are honoured to have Her Royal Highness with us today. Honourable Members, please join me in welcoming Her Royal Highness to our Parliament."

10 Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

11 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."

- 12 Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question put and agreed to. Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Second Minister for Home Affairs (Ms Sim Ann), on behalf of the Senior Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs)

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 26 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 13 Report of the Commission on Parliament Staff – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That this Parliament determines that the terms of service of the staff of Parliament under the Parliamentary Scheme (2008) and the Language Executive Scheme (Parliament) (2008) shall be revised in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Report of the Commission on Parliament Staff in Paper Misc 4 of 2026."

Question put and agreed to.

- 14 Adjournment – (Deputy 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 8.15 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 10.30 am on Wednesday, 5 August 2026.
