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**OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr Eric Chua (Queenstown), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Social and Family Development

Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)

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**ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\***

- \*1. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs with countries like the UK, France and Australia announcing plans to recognise Palestinian statehood at the UN General Assembly in September, whether Singapore is also reconsidering its position on the issue.
- \*2. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what additional humanitarian assistance is Singapore providing or considering to address the critical food security situation affecting children in the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict; and (b) what measures are Singapore or Singapore-based organisations supporting at the international level to facilitate the safe and unimpeded delivery of food and medical supplies to children and civilians in need.
- \*3. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) how has Singapore conveyed its concerns regarding the humanitarian crisis in Gaza to the Israeli government; (b) what specific messages have been raised regarding the protection of civilians and the continuation of essential services, such as water and electricity; and (c) what is Israel's response to Singapore's views.
- \*4. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether there is an update on Singapore's (i) diplomatic efforts in relation to the current crisis in Gaza and (ii) humanitarian assistance rendered and obstacles faced in its delivery; (b) what is the Government's assessment of the prospects for a ceasefire; and (c) whether Singapore will consider increasing funds set aside for technical assistance for rebuilding once stability is achieved.
- \*5. Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs how is Singapore working with the international community to ensure Israel abides by international law as its war against Hamas intensifies, impacting other countries in the Middle East like the recent attack in Qatar on 9 September 2025.

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- \*6. Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether the Government will consider convening an inter-ministry taskforce or involving Singaporeans to consolidate relief, rebuilding, and restructuring efforts for Gaza in a strategic manner; and (b) what other initiatives can be piloted by the Government to safeguard harmony and cohesion amongst different communities in Singapore, against the backdrop of the Gaza conflict.
- \*7. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what prompted the recent inter-ministerial efforts to ban vaping; (b) how many individuals have been caught for vaping or possession offences from (i) January to June 2025 and (ii) July to August 2025; and (c) what are the Ministry's plans for the control of etomidate after its Class C classification expires on 28 February 2026.
- \*8. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how many vaping cases have been reported via (i) hotline and (ii) webform in 2025; (b) how many of such cases led to the identification of offenders; (c) how many of these are students; and (d) whether vape use has declined since the hotline and webform were introduced.
- \*9. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry can provide an update on the enforcement actions taken against the illegal sales of kpods to Singapore residents through various online messaging platforms.
- \*10. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what additional preventive and rehabilitative measures will be introduced to deter youth vaping and to support those already affected.
- \*11. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how many persons have been arrested and charged with vape-related offences in the past three months; and (b) what percentage of such persons are below 25 years old; and (c) what are the recent measures by the authorities to stop the sale of e-vaporisers and components on encrypted messaging platforms.
- \*12. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has considered extending the extra-territorial provisions under the Misuse of Drugs Act to etomidate-laced vapes similar to prosecuting citizens for overseas cannabis use; and (b) what are the key policy considerations in deciding whether or not to assert jurisdiction beyond Singapore's borders.
- \*13. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether border control measures and customs inspections will be strengthened to address smuggling of illegal vaping products through Singapore's borders.
- \*14. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what measures are taken to address the trend of youths using vapes containing controlled substances; (b) whether enforcement agencies plan to review current enforcement strategies to more effectively deter illegal importation and distribution of vaping devices; and (c) how will the Ministry work with the Ministry of Health to ensure a twinned approach to tackling this issue.
- \*15. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether Singapore's current border enforcement approaches are adequate to intercept illegal imports of e-vaporisers and related products, including through postal channels.

- \*16. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many cases of attempted e-vaporiser smuggling into Singapore have been intercepted at our checkpoints over the past one year; and (b) what measures will the Ministry take to strengthen interdiction and disrupt the upstream networks that supply e-vaporisers and related products to Singapore.
- \*17. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Municipal Services Office can (i) add a dedicated vaping reporting pathway in the OneService App with direct routing and data-sharing to HSA and CNB (ii) offer youth-accessible options, including non-Singpass alternative verification channels for usage of the various reporting features of OneService and (iii) include multilingual prompts in OneService through automated translation to improve reporting uptake.
- \*18. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry can provide details of its internal investigation that was conducted in relation to the irregularities discovered in PUB contracts; and (b) what are the interim measures being taken to strengthen the governance process.
- \*19. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport as regards the two breakdowns on the Sengkang-Punggol LRT in August 2025 (a) when will the final investigation results be released; (b) what safeguards have been put in place for adequate maintenance and safety checks for commuters and rail workers; and (c) what new technology and safety enhancements will be put in place to prevent future breakdowns.
- \*20. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the status of the investigation and the design review by LTA project team following the recent major disruptions of the Bukit Panjang LRT on 3 July 2025 and 19 July 2025; and (b) whether the power trips which were identified as the cause of both incidents could have been prevented.
- \*21. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in each year over the past five years (a) what is the number of regulatory breaches for each of the rail operators under the New Rail Financing Framework (NRFF); and (b) what are the corresponding financial penalties that have been imposed, including for the failure to provide and maintain an adequate, safe and satisfactory service.
- \*22. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what improvements has the Ministry made to prevent a recurrence of the North East MRT Line (NEL) and Sengkang-Punggol LRT (SPLRT) disruptions on 12 August 2025; (b) what issues caused the SPLRT disruption to last around ten hours; and (c) what steps will the operator take to respond more quickly to future service disruptions.
- \*23. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what factors resulted in MRT reliability falling to its lowest level since 2020; (b) whether any trend is observed across the spate of MRT and LRT disruptions since August 2025; (c) whether the rail infrastructure needs refreshing; and (d) what will be done to improve rail reliability and sustain achievement of the target of Mean Kilometres Between Failure to meet public expectations.
- \*24. Mr Ng Chee Meng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update on the investigation into the root causes of the recent breakdown on the Sengkang-Punggol LRT on 15 August 2025; and (b) what remedial actions will be taken by the operator to prevent future occurrences.

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- \*25. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the established timelines for schools to investigate bullying incidents and to provide updates to the parents of involved students; and (b) what specific measures are implemented to separate the involved students during an investigation to ensure the victim's safety on school premises and prevent fear-based absenteeism or the need for a school transfer.
- \*26. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether schools are adequately resourced to prevent the occurrences of bullying incidents in schools; (b) whether there are proactive monitoring and surveillance to pick up early signs of bullying situations; and (c) what further preventive measures can be taken.
- \*27. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what resources are available to schools to detect and counter less visible forms of bullying such as manipulation, exclusion, and cyberbullying; (b) how does the Ministry support teachers in managing bullying cases; and (c) what measures beyond training are implemented to ensure teachers have the time and resources to address bullying without adding to their risk of burnout.
- \*28. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether an annual School Safety Scorecard per school will be published with anonymised bullying report totals, substantiation percentages, numbers of suspensions, transfers and serious sanctions; (b) whether a national anonymous anti-bullying reporting line will be established with trained responders; and (c) whether the Ministry will mandate minimum anti-bullying policy standards across all schools.
- \*29. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education how many reported school bullying cases in the past three years involved suspected or confirmed child maltreatment of either the perpetrator or victim of bullying, in light of the impact that a family environment has on a child's behaviour.
- \*30. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will consider setting up a centralised anti-bullying unit to support schools to investigate the most egregious cases of bullying and follow up with disciplinary and rehabilitative actions, so as to avoid overburdening teachers; and (b) if not, why not.
- \*31. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how quickly are teachers expected to investigate and take action after a report of bullying has been made; and (b) whether the Ministry's protocols on bullying are followed throughout the process in the recent bullying incident at Sengkang Green Primary School.
- \*32. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will consider adopting more aspects of evidence-based anti-bullying programmes such as intervention teams; (b) what new measures are being considered to further empower victims and bystanders to report bullying incidents safely; and (c) whether there are plans to enhance support systems, such peer support groups, for students affected by bullying.
- \*33. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there is a Ministry or cluster level framework in place on how schools should deal with bullying cases; and (b) whether the Ministry encourages schools to share and develop best practices of dealing with bullying cases amongst themselves.

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- \*34. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to the recent Sengkang Green Primary bullying case, what further steps have the Ministry taken to strengthen anti-bullying measures and ensure timely support for both victims and perpetrators, including mental health resources.
- \*35. Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how will the Ministry equip schools and teachers to detect and respond to multifaceted forms of bullying; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure consistency and accountability of all parties across institutions.
- \*36. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to ongoing measures to address concerns associated with bullying or violence in schools (a) whether the Ministry works with external agencies and their experts to strengthen trauma-informed and victim-centric practices in schools, including with professionals with expertise outside of traditional educational settings; and (b) if so, how is the Ministry working with such agencies and their experts.
- \*37. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education when incidents of bullying or violence are reported in schools (a) whether there are investigation protocols for educators; (b) whether these are developed with child safety and violence-prevention experts; and (c) whether they can be published to enhance public awareness and understanding.
- \*38. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what key factors contribute to the decrease in employment in permanent jobs for fresh graduates; (b) what are the goals and KPIs of the new Government-funded traineeship programme for recent graduates; and (c) how does it address the factors affecting permanent jobs for fresh graduates and what other measures are planned to arrest this employment trend.
- \*39. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the GRaduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) Programme will affect the long-term earning potential of fresh graduates; (b) what guardrails guide its implementation and how are these reviewed; and (c) how are host employers and sectors selected, especially in strategic growth sectors.
- \*40. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how the initial number of 800 Graduate Industry Traineeship positions was determined; and (b) what is the Ministry's projected demand for traineeship placements based on the number of recent graduates in 2024 and 2025 who are seeking employment.
- \*41. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the number of companies that will be participating in the GRaduate Industry Traineeships programme; and (b) what is the allocation breakdown of the 800 traineeship places among the universities, polytechnics and ITEs.
- \*42. Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many companies are currently on board the GRaduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) Programme; and (b) how will the Ministry monitor and ensure the quality of the traineeship experience.
- \*43. Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what measures are there to ensure that GRaduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) offer meaningful, structured learning experiences for fresh graduates; (b) how will the Ministry monitor the quality of host organisations and mentorship provided; and (c) how will GRIT draw from best practices in internship programmes at tertiary institutions for a win-win outcome for trainees and participating companies.

- \*44. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how is the traineeship allowance of \$1,800 to \$2,400 for the GRaduate Industry Traineeships Programme determined; and (b) how does this compare with average salaries in the past year for fresh graduates from universities, polytechnics, ITEs and other educational institutions.
- \*45. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of a lower proportion of fresh graduates from Institutes of Higher Learning landing full-time permanent employment after graduation (a) what are the cyclical and structural factors contributing to this trend; (b) how does the GRaduate Industry Traineeships Programme (GRIT) address these factors; and (c) what further measures is the Ministry considering to address these factors.
- \*46. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the mean and median starting salaries of graduates who have taken part in the SGUnited Traineeship Programme and (i) who are subsequently employed by their host organisation or (ii) found employment elsewhere; and (b) how do these figures compare against those of graduates who found employment without having taken part in the Programme.
- \*47. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what safeguards are in place under the GRaduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) Programme to ensure that the emphasis remains on providing meaningful training and developmental opportunities to fresh graduates, rather than on cost-savings for host organisations.
- \*48. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for each year in the past three years, what has been the year-on-year increase in average rental per square foot for HDB commercial units (i) rented directly from HDB (ii) sublet from a master tenant that rents from HDB and (iii) sublet from a private owner, respectively; and (b) whether HDB is considering approaches to keep rental rates in check in each of these categories.
- \*49. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what is the Government's response to Singapore's recent drop in ranking in the International Institute for Management Development's World Talent Ranking 2025, which assesses the three pillars of investment and development, appeal and readiness.
- \*50. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the NEA permits social enterprise hawker centre (SEHC) operators to include contractual requirements for hawkers to provide a set number of free meals; and (b) whether NEA will provide guidance on the appropriateness of such practices in future contracts.
- \*51. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry's plan to only select certain HDB precincts for Voluntary Early Redevelopment Scheme (VERS) will result in VERS having a lottery effect; and (b) whether the Ministry can design VERS to apply to all HDB flats.
- \*52. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how does the Ministry define and quantify the less generous compensation terms of VERS as compared to SERS particularly in relation to a flat's market value; (b) what safeguards will protect homeowners whose VERS compensation could be lower than their outstanding mortgage; and (c) what is the projected median cash top-up required for displaced households to secure replacement housing.

- \*53. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the primary policy rationale for compensation under VERS being less generous than SERS; (b) how does the shift away from the SERS lottery effect support the goal of long-term housing affordability; and (c) what assurance can the Ministry provide that VERS will primarily serve as an orderly renewal programme and not a wealth-generating one.
- \*54. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what measurable impact has the 2025 tariffs announced by the US had on Singapore companies and the Singapore economy so far; (b) what is the latest update on negotiations with the US, whether on industry-specific measures or otherwise; and (d) what measures are being implemented to support key sectors such as pharmaceuticals and electronics.
- \*55. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in light of the increase in cases of Government officials impersonation scams, phishing scams and the amounts lost to such scams, whether the Ministry is considering additional measures which are specifically targeted at such scams.
- \*56. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what are the most recent measures that the Ministry and its related institutions have implemented to support scam victims post-incident beyond public education workshops and fund recovery efforts.
- \*57. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) for each quarter from 2023 to 2025, what is the total amount of scam losses by typology; (b) what is the median age of victims; (c) what proportion of scam losses have been recovered; and (d) what has been the median time taken to freeze funds after issuance of restriction orders by the Police.
- \*58. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number and proportion of fresh graduates employed via fixed-term contracts with a duration of one year or less; (b) if so, over each of the past five years, what is the proportion of such fresh graduates from (i) ITE (ii) polytechnics (iii) autonomous universities and (iv) private universities; and (c) if not, why not.
- \*59. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what strategies are being deployed to improve employment outcomes for youths, particularly those who are not in employment, education, or training (NEET); (b) how does the Ministry intend to re-engage this group effectively; (c) what is the current proportion of graduating students taking up contract roles rather than permanent employment; and (d) whether this trend has shifted in recent years.
- \*60. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry tracks the career impact of SkillsFuture credits on Singaporeans who have utilised them in terms of (i) employment status (ii) hours worked and (iii) wage outcomes, since such data may increase take-up rates.
- \*61. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the employment outcomes for unemployed individuals who have utilised SkillsFuture credit, the SkillsFuture Career Transition Programme, and the SkillsFuture Level-Up Programme; (b) which segments of jobseekers have seen lower success rates; and (c) how does the Ministry plan to narrow the gap between skills upgrading and actual job placements.

- \*62. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in 2025, how many Singaporeans have (i) used their SkillsFuture credits or (ii) received training allowances to pursue upskilling and reskilling under the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance scheme; and (b) how do the numbers in 2025 compare with that of 2024.
- \*63. Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in relation to the Government's statement in May 2025 that the Government will provide cost-of-living support for as long as it is needed, what are the factors that determine whether such Government support should continue, given that inflation has moderated, but cost of living anxieties remain elevated.
- \*64. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will consider studying or piloting an age-appropriate SkillsFuture scheme for primary to post-secondary students from lower-income households to have access to subsidised out-of-school opportunities; (b) if so, what targeting and guardrails such as means-testing, school referral, per-child caps, and approved providers can apply; and (c) how can outcomes such as participation and progression be evaluated.
- \*65. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport how does the Ministry intend to regulate foreign vehicles used by workers holding valid work passes for commuting to Singapore and which are also used for commercial purposes while in Singapore.
- \*66. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education for each ITE Work-Study Diploma intake since 2018, what are the (i) enrolment and non-completion rates (ii) graduation rates (iii) share in full-time employment breakdown by sectors within 6 and 12 months of completion, median starting pay and 12-month employer retention rates (iv) share who progressed to polytechnic or university and (v) measures to support non-completers to re-enter training or work.
- \*67. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs for each year in the last five years (a) how many fire incidents are related to (i) personal mobility devices (PMD) (ii) power-assisted bicycles (PAB) and (iii) personal mobility aids (PMA); and (b) how many of these incidents involved non-UL-2272 or non-EN-15194 certified, modified, or illegally imported devices.
- \*68. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the number of existing public rental HDB flats that have installed Home Fire Alarm Devices (HFADs) under the Assistance Scheme; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider extending the HFAD Assistance Scheme to provide free installation of HFADs for (i) needy occupants of purchase HDB flats and (ii) seniors living in HDB Community Care Apartments.
- \*69. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of the closure of the Asean Engagement Office by the US government, what is the Ministry's assessment of (a) the significance of this measure on the US-Asean relationship; (b) what can Asean do to improve the US-Asean relationship; and (c) what can Singapore do to improve the US-Singapore relationship.
- \*70. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the evaluation of the Inclusive Support Programme (InSP) pilot in preschools; (b) what factors are taken into consideration when evaluating the effectiveness of the InSP; and (c) what is the timeline to scale up the InSP to more preschools if the pilot is successful.



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- \*71. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given that pre-authorisation helps ensure that policyholders have access to non-panel doctors and receive cost-effective treatments, whether the Ministry will implement measures to ensure that policyholders continue to have access to the full benefits of their Integrated Shield Plan should an insurer stop issuing pre-authorisation certificates.
- \*72. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given Integrated Shield Plans are primarily healthcare financing tools, whether the Government will consider reviewing the regulatory framework for Integrated Shield Plans to give greater regulatory oversight to the Ministry, or adopting a stronger dual or co-regulation model, to ensure better alignment with national healthcare priorities and patient protection.
- \*73. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Government has any plans to disallow Integrated Shield Plan (IP) insurers from offering "as-charged" or no-limit coverage for non-cancer treatments; and (b) if not, why not.
- \*74. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether existing laws preventing profiteering and anti-competitive behaviours such as collusion and price-fixing among healthcare service providers and private insurers are sufficient; and (b) how does our regulatory framework compare to other developed countries.
- \*75. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Government has any plans to further regulate the use of panel specialists by Integrated Shield Plan (IP) insurers, such as by mandating a minimum number of specialists per medical specialty or the contract durations of panel specialists; and (b) if not, why not.
- \*76. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether subsidised patients can be transferred directly from a National Healthcare Group hospital to a SingHealth hospital without needing a new polyclinic referral to maintain their subsidies.
- \*77. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the police deploy facial recognition technology to identify perpetrators of petty crimes, such as bicycle theft; and (b) what impediments exist in holding such perpetrators accountable once identified.
- \*78. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider encouraging more schools to introduce games similar to the "Glory and Grit 7s" where players who are not on school teams for various sports are also given the opportunity to participate in tournaments.
- \*79. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Government has intercepted illegal purchases of nicotine pouches or snus (powdered smokeless tobacco) via the SnusAsia website that specifies its sale to Singapore; (b) if so, how many of such pouches have been intercepted to date; and (c) what measures are in place to control access to nicotine pouches or snus in Singapore, especially by our youths.
- \*80. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how is the Ministry working with retailers and suppliers to ensure essential goods remain affordable for Singaporeans; and (b) what safeguards exist to prevent excessive price pass-through from global supply chain disruptions and rising rental costs.

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- \*81. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB systematically tracks tenure duration and ethnicity of tenants for open-market rentals; (b) if not, how does HDB ensure rentals remain short-term and do not significantly alter block or precinct ethnic composition; and (c) if so, whether violations of the Ethnic Integration Policy have been detected.
- \*82. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the SkillsFuture Jobseeker Support scheme (SJSS) will be extended to workers engaged on contracts for service with non-renewals; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider including such workers under the SJSS given their vulnerability to job insecurity.
- \*83. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in view of the lowest voter turnout for general elections since 1968 (a) whether the Government will commit not to hold polling day for a future election over a “long weekend”; and (b) how many absentee voters in the 2025 General Election have restored their names to the Registers of Electors (i) via Singpass and (ii) via appointment at the Elections Department.
- \*84. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) why a woman who surrendered her passport to ICA in 1996 was not monitored more closely, allowing her to overstay for more than 28 years; (b) what specific vulnerabilities enabled her to live in Singapore and for her daughter to apply for permanent residency without detection; and (c) what new measures have been implemented to prevent a similar incident.
- \*85. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry can consider including an expected child who is past 24 weeks in gestational age in the calculation of the per capita income (PCI) for the purpose of determining rental rates under the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme in recognition of upcoming financial responsibilities associated with childbirth and caring for an infant.
- \*86. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Public Service Division will consider reducing the number of job postings that focus on formal academic requirements to lead by example in implementing skills-based hiring.
- \*87. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development how frequently are audits and maintenance works conducted for HDB rental flats.
- \*88. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Auditor-General’s Office will consider deploying artificial intelligence (AI) to strengthen and expand its checks on Ministries and Government agencies in the area of contract management and procurement; (b) whether the AI capability can be deployed across Ministries and Government agencies to strengthen their contract management and procurement; and (c) if so, what are the timelines for implementation.
- \*89. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB can consider setting up a smaller satellite service office in the Hougang area for the convenience of residents living in the vicinity who require physical face-to-face services with staff and beyond e-kiosk services, after the closure of its office at Block 814 Hougang Central.
- \*90. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether there has been an increase in illegal ride-hailing in Singapore detected by LTA over the past six months and, if so, by how much; and (b) what further actions will LTA take to enforce against illegal ride-hailing to protect local licensed private hire drivers and passenger safety.

- \*91. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what factors has the Ministry identified as causes for an over 20% year-on-year increase in the number of outrage of modesty cases in the first half of 2025; (b) what longer-term trends of voyeurism has the Ministry identified; and (c) whether the Ministry will be taking steps to enhance protection of women and minors against such crimes.
- \*92. Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Education given the increasing prevalence of mental distress among students (a) whether the Ministry plans to (i) increase the ratio and training of school counsellors (ii) embed mental health literacy and resilience-building into the curriculum and (iii) strengthen referral pathways between schools, families, and community mental health services to ensure timely and coordinated support; and (b) if so, how.
- \*93. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the current status of the review on the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004; (b) what measures are being considered to address the issues that ageing condominiums face in maintenance; and (c) whether there are plans to require the collection of adequate sinking funds so that condominium facilities are safely maintained.
- \*94. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry can consider ways of structuring the carbon relief allowances provided under the transition framework to provide support for emissions-intensive trade-exposed companies, such that eligible companies can retain jobs for Singaporeans and continue to value-add to our economy.
- \*95. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether an update can be provided on the timeline for completing the review of the Animals and Birds Act; and (b) what specific engagements will the Ministry conduct based on the recommendations outlined in the White Paper released by SPCA and ACRES on 26 August 2025.
- \*96. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider the 15 recommendations in the 2025 White Paper on Strengthening Protections for Animal Welfare jointly submitted by ACRES and SPCA; and (b) if so, what is the expected timeline for reviewing and implementing the recommendations across the four key areas of animal welfare education, legislation and policies, companion animal protection, and wildlife protection.
- \*97. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the guidelines and factors that the Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS) and NParks take into account in deciding whether a report of alleged animal cruelty or neglect should be addressed by (i) a warning letter (ii) a composition fine or (iii) prosecution.
- \*98. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the justification for engine capacity, maximum power and open market value thresholds in qualifying for COE premium and Additional Registration Fee (ARF) waiver under the Disabled Persons Scheme; and (b) whether these criteria are subject to appeal, especially where the disability justifies a larger-capacity or higher-value vehicle.
- \*99. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry will review the merchant eligibility criteria under the Community Development Council Voucher Scheme; and (b) what steps are being taken to ensure fairer and more transparent inclusion of small businesses.

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- \*100. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what specific criteria determine the eligibility to participate in the CDC Voucher Scheme for merchants not located in HDB premises; (b) how are these criteria and the grounds for appeal communicated to rejected applicants; and (c) what steps are being taken to ensure consistent and transparent application of the criteria nationwide.
- \*101. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development from 2020 to 2024, how many successful applications for public rental flats are made annually by individuals undergoing divorce and separation proceedings, with a breakdown by (i) those with an interim judgment for divorce (ii) those with a deed of separation and (iii) those on a case-by-case basis, respectively.
- \*102. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has any plan to bring forward the implementation of new rules for motorised personal mobility aids (PMA) scheduled for 2026; and (b) whether the Ministry has any communication plan to reach out to PMA users on the new rules to help ineligible users with the transition to alternative forms of mobility aid.
- \*103. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether any studies have been conducted to address the issue of pigeon roosting and defecation at the air-conditioner ledges of HDB flats which poses hygiene and maintenance concerns for residents; and (b) whether the Home Improvement Programme can be enhanced to mitigate this issue, including upgrades to the design of the clothes drying rack in affected flat types.
- \*104. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the cause of the sinkhole in Tanjong Katong Road South on 26 July 2025; (b) whether any party has been penalised for its formation; (c) what are the lessons learnt; and (d) what is done to prevent a similar incident from happening again.
- \*105. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what was the mode of structural failure of the caisson ring at the Tanjong Katong Road South sewer shaft site; (b) whether the failure was due to material, installation, or design deficiencies; (c) what structural integrity checks are mandated for such caisson rings; and (d) whether the failed caisson ring had passed all inspections.
- \*106. Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) when will the independent panel's findings on the sinkhole that appeared on Tanjong Katong Road South on 26 July 2025 be released; (b) who are the panel members; (c) whether any preliminary findings can be shared; and (d) what measures are in place to periodically check the structural integrity of nearby roads and buildings.
- \*107. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what percentage of in-service early childhood educators have completed the Certificate in Inclusive Practice (CIP) course; and (b) what are the Ministry's plans to encourage and enable more early childhood educators to take the CIP course to deepen their knowledge and skills in supporting children with developmental needs.
- \*108. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider disclosing the carbon tax relief given to individual companies and the emissions of their facilities to subject them to greater scrutiny and strengthen their incentive to decarbonise.

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- \*109. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether any study or assessment has been commissioned to quantify the potential cost impact of the new fixed installation (FI) plan submission requirement, starting 1 October 2025, on lift modernisation projects; (b) if so, what are the key findings; and (c) how will these inform support measures for Town Councils and other lift owners to manage possible cost increases.
- \*110. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry is looking into facilitating more point-to-point (P2P) transfers between Singapore and Johor Bahru given the setting up of Johor-Singapore Economic Zone; and (b) if so, how will the Ministry safeguard the livelihood of Singapore P2P drivers given the large cost disparity of driving Malaysian-registered and Singapore-registered vehicles.
- \*111. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport what considerations have been put in place to ensure that Singaporean taxi and private hire drivers' livelihoods are safeguarded even if more licences are made available to Malaysian cross-border services upon review of the Cross Border Taxi Scheme.
- \*112. Mr Ng Chee Meng:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there will be updates on when HDB will complete its review to remove the 15-month wait-out requirement for private property owners downgrading to HDB flats.
- \*113. Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how does the National Arts Council help artistes build commercially sustainable careers while safeguarding artistic integrity, including supporting them to monetise and showcase their work effectively; (b) what platforms exist locally and abroad to expand their reach; and (c) whether there are new schemes planned to boost portfolios, business opportunities and market presence.
- \*114. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport what are the Ministry's considerations in (i) lowering rebates for Band A1 vehicles under the Vehicular Emissions Scheme (VES), (ii) excluding VES rebates for hybrid vehicles and (iii) ceasing the EV Early Adoption Incentive (EEAI) after 2026, in light of the pace of new electric vehicle (EV) and hybrid car ownership and the impact of already high COE prices.
- \*115. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide clarity on how the Vehicular Emissions Scheme and the Electric Vehicle Early Adoption Incentive will be further adjusted beyond 2027, as part of our targets under the SG Green Plan, so as to reduce volatility in the COE market.
- \*116. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the steps that the Ministry takes when engaging stakeholders on reclamation projects that may have potential ecological consequences; and (b) how are such stakeholder groups identified.
- \*117. Mr Ng Chee Meng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport what is the progress of feasibility studies on the Seletar MRT Line where plans were first announced in 2019.

- \*118. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education given evidence that each additional one-degree Celsius increase in temperature reduces learning by 1-2% with greater impact on lower-income students (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of "thermal inequality" between air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned classrooms; and (b) what specific hardware standards such as cooling, ventilation and insulation will ensure equitable, cognitively optimal learning environment for all students.
- \*119. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what is the Government's position on the allegation made by the Chinese Embassy in Singapore in The Straits Times on 5 August 2025, that at the Ninth Asian Winter Games held in Harbin in February 2025, China saw 14.97% or 40,000 cyber-attacks against its "information systems of competition" originating from Singapore.
- \*120. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of conflicts overseas that may have a polarising effect on Singaporeans (a) what is the Ministry doing to (i) equip the public with easy-to-understand information and (ii) explain the rationale behind the Government's position; and (b) how can community leaders be equipped to help provide clarity on the Government's position and address misinformation or rumours.
- \*121. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether personal tracking devices such as Apple AirTags qualify for subsidies under the Assistive Technology Fund; (b) if so, how many caregivers of children with autism obtained such devices in each of the last three years; and (c) whether the Ministry will proactively provide a starter device upon diagnosis via early-intervention centres.
- \*122. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with the rise in Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) attacks against Singapore's critical infrastructure (a) what safeguards beyond mandatory reporting will be required of Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) owners for early detection and containment; and (b) how the Ministry will strengthen capability, talent, and resources to defend against such threats.
- \*123. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in light of the Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) attacks against Singapore's critical infrastructure (a) how will the Ministry work with international organisations and agencies to strengthen deterrence against such threats; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider a whole-of-Government approach to raise awareness and preparedness for such threats among organisations beyond critical information infrastructure (CII) operators, including businesses and the public.
- \*124. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information how can Singapore better harmonise its cyber resilience across industries by adopting international standards on cybersecurity for operational technology such as IEC 62443 and MITRE ATT&CK for Industrial Control Systems, in light of a recent attack on Singapore's critical information infrastructure by advanced persistent threat actors (APT).

- \*125. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how often does LTA review pedestrian and traffic volumes of the existing pedestrian overhead bridges (POB) at Khatib MRT station; and (b) what is the increase in volume that will warrant an expansion of the POB to accommodate more pedestrians in view of expected population increase due to new BTO flats in Chencharu estate.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health:**  
Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.
  2. **Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health:**  
CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (Amendment) Bill.
  3. **Acting Minister for Transport:**  
Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.  
*(President's recommendation signified).*
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**Business Motions****1. Leader of the House:**

PROCEEDINGS ON MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS: That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders:

(1) my Ministerial Statement on "Duties and Privileges of the Leader of the Opposition" be taken now and before the business Motion on Speech Time standing in my name; and

(2) the following Ministerial Statements:

(a) the Ministerial Statement on "Situation in the Middle East" standing in the name of the Minister for Foreign Affairs;

(b) the Ministerial Statement on "Situation in the Middle East" to be delivered by the Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs; and

(c) the Ministerial Statement on "Singaporeans' Response to Situation in the Middle East" standing in the name of the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs

be taken in that order after the business Motion on Speech Time standing in my name and before the Motion for the Address of Thanks.

**2. Leader of the House:**

SPEECH TIME FOR THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: That, notwithstanding Standing Order 48(8), with effect from this day's sitting until the end of the 15th Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition Mr Pritam Singh shall be entitled to speak for up to forty minutes to any question in Parliament.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY****1. Mr Sharael Taha (Pasir Ris-Changi):**

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS): That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:

"We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which he delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the First Session of this Parliament. "

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

- 1. Leader of the House:**  
Duties and Privileges of the Leader of the Opposition.
- 2. Minister for Foreign Affairs:**
- 3. Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs**  
**(on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs):**  
Situation in the Middle East.
- 4. Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs:**  
Singaporeans' Response to Situation in the Middle East.

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**MEMORANDUM**

Matters proposed to be raised on the Motions for the Adjournment (SO 2(8)(b)).

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim : Toward Certificate of Entitlement (COE) 2.0.  
(Sengkang)

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

- 1. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether households with continual low utilities usage and accumulating unused U-Save rebates may be allowed the flexibility to use the excess rebates to offset their Service and Conservancy Charges (S&CC).
- 2. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in light of the findings by the Auditor-General's Office for FY24/25 on contract management and tender evaluation, whether the public service division has employed artificial intelligence (AI) tools and other technological measures to reduce errors and increase efficiency in tender evaluation and to ensure contracts are awarded in line with the Government's procurement principles.
- 3. Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what plans are in place to restore the reserves drawn down during the COVID-19 crisis amid the ongoing global uncertainties; (b) what is the expected timeframe for replenishment of the reserves drawn; and (c) whether this process will involve any increase in taxes or reduced essential public services for Singaporeans.
- 4. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry what are the key performance indicators in the pilot for displaying unit prices in supermarkets for the Ministry to consider more permanent implementation.

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5. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider working with financial institutions to provide low-interest financing schemes for SMEs that are undertaking digital transformation, with the aim of alleviating financial pressures and ensuring that businesses already progressing in their digitalisation efforts are not placed in untenable or unsustainable positions.
  6. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the last three years, what is the percentage of refuse chute fires of all residential fires that the Singapore Civil Defence Force responded to; (b) in each of the last three years, what is the average number of refuse chute fires per month; and (c) what are the main suspected causes of such refuse chute fires.
  7. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs for each year for the last five years, how many fires relating to personal mobility devices, power-assisted bicycles and personal mobility aids took place in (i) owner-occupied HDB flats (ii) public rental HDB flats (iii) condominiums (iv) landed houses (v) non-residential premises such as commercial buildings and (vi) non-buildings such as on the roads or open spaces.
  8. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in 2024, what proportion of Singapore citizens and their foreign spouse-to-be who applied for Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) have completed the Pre-Marriage LTVP Assessment (PMLA); and (b) what are the efforts made by ICA to raise the awareness and encourage more such couples to take the PMLA before applying for the LTVP.
  9. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in relation to fire incidents in HDB flats occurring from 2020 to 2024, (a) what were the top three causes of such fire incidents which resulted in deaths or injuries; and (b) how many and what proportion of such fire incidents resulted in deaths and injuries of persons outside of the flat where the fire originated.
  10. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs of the HDB fire incidents in 2024 of electrical origin (a) what proportion occurred (i) in flats built in 1997 or earlier and covered by HDB's Home Improvement Programme and (ii) in flats built after 1997, respectively; and (b) what number and proportion were attributable to faulty or old wiring.
  11. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence what are the safety measures in place for the self-use of facilities within Singapore Armed Forces camps, such as swimming pools and fitness equipment, including having safety officers or lifeguards on duty.
  12. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) whether there are plans to progressively reduce the frequency of flights from Paya Lebar Airbase leading up to its decommissioning in 2030; and (b) whether the Ministry plans to implement any specific measures to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise on young families residing in the Potong Pasir/Bidadari areas during the early mornings and late evenings.
  13. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence what are the implications that the recent renaming of the United States Department of Defense to the Department of War may have on Singapore's foreign policy, defence strategy and regional stability.

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14. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) how does the Ministry intend to extend drone operation training to all new enlistees, including both combat-fit and non-combat-fit recruits, to maximise operational versatility across vocations; (b) how does the Ministry plan to upskill current Full-time National Servicemen and Operationally Ready National Servicemen in drone operations, particularly those who may not have received such training.
15. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what rehabilitative programmes or counselling support are in place to help youths address nicotine addiction and peer pressure, amid growing number of youths caught vaping; (b) how does the Ministry work with schools, parents, and community partners to prevent recidivism; and (c) whether there are plans to expand early intervention and diversionary programmes to guide youths away from vaping.
16. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) since 1 June 2025, what is the number of people who have (i) called the Health Promotion Board's QuitLine in relation to vaping addiction and (ii) approached the agencies recommended by the Ministry to seek help to quit the use of etomidate vapes; and (b) whether the numbers reflect an increasing trend.
17. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the Government's assessment of the risks and ease of manufacturing etomidate and its analogues within Singapore; and (b) in view of possible risks, whether there are plans to phase out the use of etomidate in medical settings by adopting alternative anaesthetic agents and if so, what are these alternatives.
18. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) of the approximately 6,000 vapes and related components disposed from 25 July to 31 August 2025, how many vapes are laced with etomidate; and (b) whether people who surrender etomidate-laced vapes from 1 September 2025 continue to face no penalty.
19. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what targeted support measures under Grow Well SG are in place to help children from lower-income or high-stress households benefit equally from early healthy lifestyle interventions; and (b) whether there are plans to bolster access among vulnerable families through partnership with models such as ComLink+.
20. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the current utilisation rate for home nursing services; and (b) what plans are in place to expand the provision of these services.
21. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in each of the past five years, what is the number of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) embryos discarded due to (i) divorce between couples and (ii) death of a spouse.
22. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in each of the past three years, what are the numbers of cases that underwent Assisted Conception Procedures (ACP) at public hospitals (i) that exceeded the co-funded scheme cycle limits and the success rate of such cases and (ii) that were successful within the co-funded scheme cycle limits.

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23. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether regular assessments are made of the Institute of Mental Health's service quality levels for telephone calls made to its Main Line and Outpatient Appointment Line; and (b) what has been the trend on key metrics including but not limited to call abandonment rate, service quality level, average handling time, and caller satisfaction, over the past two years.
24. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what is the current median waiting time for appointments at the Institute of Mental Health (IMH), for each channel of making appointments such as via telephone, email, Health Hub self-service, IMH Online Appointment Form, and referral from GP or polyclinic.
25. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health since the launch of the Parenting for Wellness Initiative (a) how many parents have been reached with this resource; (b) how many visitors or users have logged on to the portal as registered users; and (c) whether there are any early insights to be shared about which features of the initiative have registered particular interest from users.
26. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) of the S\$22 million humanitarian aid to Gaza since October 2023, what is the breakdown of allocation of key areas of assistance; (b) what are the coordination measures with on-the-ground humanitarian partners to ensure that aid is effectively and equitably distributed; and (c) what is the tangible impact of these aid in alleviating human suffering in Gaza.
27. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether the Ministry can provide updates and developments on Singapore's upcoming cooperation with Egypt, Jordan or any other countries to deliver humanitarian aid to the civilians affected in Gaza; and (b) whether the Ministry has received any updates on the opening of land border access to allow aid access into Gaza.
28. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what are Singapore's plans on the recognition of the Palestinian state following reports on the announced plans by France, the UK, Canada and Australia to recognise Palestine as a sovereign state at the upcoming UN General Assembly in September 2025.
29. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what will be Singapore's next steps should Israel continue to escalate the situation in Gaza.
30. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is the impact and status of Singapore's \$22 million contribution to relief efforts in Gaza to date; (b) whether any of the contribution was delayed, denied, or obstructed; (c) if so, how many percent; and (d) what other measures will the Ministry take to ensure as many of the future aid tranches reach the intended people in Gaza.
31. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether the Government is monitoring (i) the declared intentions of other countries to recognise a Palestinian state and (ii) the recent sanctions or restrictions undertaken by other countries against Israel; and (b) whether such developments factor into Singapore's assessment for recognising a Palestinian state.
32. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether the Government is aware of any consideration by the United Nations Security Council of a resolution authorising a peacekeeping force in Gaza, in view of past vetoes; and (b) what is Singapore's position on such resolutions.

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33. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many hawkers have hired long-term visit pass (LTVP) or LTVP+ holders to work as stall assistants since it was allowed on 1 January 2025; and (b) whether the data indicates (i) a limited supply pool or (ii) limited demand due to the restriction to LTVP or LTVP+ holders.
34. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) for each year since 2012, how many cases of hawker stall subletting have been detected; (b) for each year since the introduction of the Hawker Succession Scheme (HSS) on 1 January 2022, how many hawkers have taken up the HSS; and (c) whether NEA plans to review the HSS to discourage subletting.
35. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether an update can be provided on the intended carbon tax rate beyond 2027; and (b) whether Singapore is on track to meet the target of \$50 to \$80 per tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2030.
36. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the findings from PUB's internal investigation into the case of falsified documents flagged in the recent Auditor-General's Report for FY24/25; and (b) what are the measures which PUB will put in place to prevent future recurrences.
37. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry will reconsider restricting smoking at or near windows or balconies in HDB or private apartment units; and (b) if so, whether such restrictions can be enforced in the same way that high-rise littering is being monitored and enforced.
38. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the specific and objective criteria used by ECDA to evaluate Partner Operator applications for preschool services beyond broad principles of quality and affordability; and (b) what is ECDA's policy on providing detailed written feedback to unsuccessful applicants, including to outline specific shortcomings against these criteria, to help them meet the required criteria for future applications.
39. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the total estimated annual imputed rental value of all properties ultimately allocated to ECDA's Anchor Operators and Partner Operators for preschool services for which market-rate rent is not charged; and (b) how does the Ministry factor this in-kind subsidy when evaluating the financial efficiency of these preferential allocation schemes.
40. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether formal cross-agency triggers such as chronic absenteeism, polyclinic or hospital visits, and caregiver incarceration will automatically prompt follow-up by Child Protection Services for potential child abuse/neglect cases; (b) whether non-adhoc coordination or data-sharing arrangements exist between the Ministry and other agencies to support such triggers; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will consider establishing them.
41. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what has been the utilisation rate of the Take-A-Break caregiver respite programme to date; (b) what constraints or challenges have been identified in its implementation; (c) how does the Ministry intend to increase awareness of this service; and (d) what assistance is available when caregivers themselves are temporarily unable to provide care, such as during medical procedures or surgeries.

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42. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the Government's assessment of the effectiveness of its parental education programmes on healthy screentime habits for children; (b) whether these programmes will be mandated for new parents given risks of early, excessive screen use; and (c) what measures address the tendency for some parents using mobile devices as "digital babysitters" which can inadvertently impact their children's development.
43. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) to date, what are the mean and median waiting times for enrolment into Day Activity Centres; and (b) what is the projected waiting time for enrolment into Day Activity Centres by 2030.
44. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Personal Data Protection Commission will consider reviewing the relevant legislation and regulations to mandate organisations to store video or CCTV footages for a certain period of time when a request for access of personal data under section 21 of the Personal Data Protection Act has been made.
45. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the employability outcomes for graduates from Singapore's universities and IHLs; and (b) whether the Ministry will review current curriculum frameworks and education outcomes to better align academic programmes with evolving industry demands and job market requirements.
46. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how is the Ministry further strengthening student-industry collaboration at a system-wide level beyond mandatory internships and initiatives such as enhanced internships, job shadowing, and project collaborations in polytechnics and ITEs; and (b) whether there are plans to scale up these student-industry collaboration initiatives to deepen applied learning and innovation.
47. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how effective are the Ministry's upstream measures in addressing bullying's root causes; (b) how will the Character and Citizenship Education curriculum be reviewed to distinguish aggression from legitimate retaliation; (c) what measures ensure that children develop assertiveness and self-protection skills; and (d) how do schools teach students to stand up to bullies and foster a civic, caring society.
48. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the percentage of students in autonomous universities (AUs) who have had at least one session with a career coach; (b) whether students who sought career coaching have had better employment outcomes; and (c) what performance metrics does the Ministry use to evaluate the efficacy of career coaching and other initiatives to support graduate employment.
49. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry is reviewing the safety protocols for all schools following the fatal accident during an overseas trip by a privately funded school; and (b) whether the Ministry is considering standardised safety protocol for all schools, regardless of type.
50. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) for each year from 2021 to date, how many cases of workplace harassment and bullying have been reported to the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices (TAFEP); and (b) whether TAFEP negotiates interim safeguards such as no-contact orders, remote work options, or re-deployment for all cases of workplace harassment and bullying.

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51. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry tracks or takes action against employers with repeated reports of workplace harassment and bullying through (i) the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices (TAFEP) (ii) the Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Incident Reporting eService (iii) the State Courts and (iv) other reporting and whistleblowing channels.
52. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the Ministry's rationale for not considering trainees under the GRaduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) Programme and Mid-Career Pathways Programme to be in an employer-employee relationship with their host organisation.
53. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Manpower how do employment rate and median gross monthly salary of the 2025 cohort of graduates who found full-time employment, by each course cluster, compare with that of the 2024 cohort of graduates, by each course cluster.
54. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether workers who are required to attend rehabilitation sessions after having been caught vaping are entitled to have such sessions recognised as medical leave; and (b) what guidance is provided to employers in handling such cases.
55. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year from 2021 to date (a) what is the number of Training Employment Passes (TEP) approved; and (b) what is the number of reports related to TEP abuse that have been received.
56. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past five years, how many families have benefitted from the concessionary Migrant Domestic Worker (MDW) levy for parents with children under 16 years old; (b) what proportion of these families were first-time parents; and (c) whether the Ministry has studied demand from first-time parents for MDWs in the months leading up to childbirth.
57. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower over the past three years, how effective has e2i been in supporting retrenched persons find new employment including (i) placement rates (ii) median time-to-placement and (iii) wage outcomes compared to prior jobs.
58. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will review the requirement for employers to bear the responsibilities and costs of repatriating Migrant Domestic Workers (MDW) upon termination of employment, to provide for a more equitable sharing of responsibilities and costs between the employer, employment agency and MDW, while ensuring that MDWs are protected.
59. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests (TG-FWAR) which took effect on 1 December 2024 (a) whether the Ministry monitors the acceptance and rejection rates for formal and informal request under TG-FWAR; and (b) what are these numbers and the top three reasons given for rejections.
60. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) to date, what is the total number of applications received under the SkillsFuture Jobseeker Support Scheme; (b) how many applicants are (i) successful and (ii) unsuccessful respectively; (c) how many successful applicants are (i) below 40 years old and (ii) aged 40 and above respectively; and (d) what are the top three reasons for unsuccessful applications.
61. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the current number and percentage of migrant domestic workers who have been authorised to undertake caregiving responsibilities at a secondary residential address.

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62. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what have the reported rates of workplace burnout been across different industries over the past three years; and (b) what further measures are being studied by the Ministry to reduce excessive working hours and promote workplace mental well-being.
63. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry will consider extending the concessionary MDW levy rate of \$60 to first-time expectant parents 2-3 months before delivery; (b) what will be the fiscal and policy implications of such an extension, including potential beneficiary numbers and impact on levy revenues; and (c) whether the Ministry will study alternative support options, such as temporary levy waivers.
64. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will be reviewing the penalties under the Animals and Birds Act for sufficient deterrence against animal abuse; (b) what measures are taken to enhance enforcement capabilities to identify and prosecute perpetrators of animal cruelty; and (c) whether agencies will strengthen public education efforts to raise awareness about animal welfare and the legal consequences of animal abuse.
65. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the status of the review of the Animals and Birds Act (ABA); (b) what are the review milestones since 2023 and target date of amendments to the ABA; (c) whether higher custodial maxima, mandatory ownership bans and stronger investigation powers are in scope; and (d) whether interim deterrent measures have been taken pending amendments.
66. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what measures are being taken to address the recent rise in cat abuse cases; (b) whether the Ministry will consider introducing provisions to prevent the posting of animal abuse content online; and (c) whether there have been cases of escalation from animal abuse to violence against humans; and (d) if so, what inter-agency efforts exist to prevent this.
67. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether an update can be provided on the review of the penalty framework for animal cruelty and abuse offences under the Animals and Birds Act 1965.
68. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider allowing single persons, especially widows and divorcees aged 50 and above, to apply for 3-room Build-To-Order (BTO) HDB flats in recognition of their housing needs and changing family circumstances.
69. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for National Development for HDB flats that undergo works as part of the Home Improvement Programme (HIP) and Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE) (a) what mandatory electrical safety checks are performed; (b) what proportion of such flats in 2024 was found with electrical safety issues that may increase the risk of fires; and (c) what assistance was provided to such flat owners.
70. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the close proximity of the Pulau Tekong and Changi reclamation projects (a) whether a joint environmental impact assessment on the overall marine ecosystem has been carried out; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider implementing such an assessment.



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71. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry requires that faulty equipment in public and HDB playground equipment must be replaced quickly; (b) whether there are provisions in relevant vendor contracts to ensure timely replacement of faulty equipment; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry plans to include such clauses in vendor contracts as part of procurement requirements.
72. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether an update can be provided on the total number of HDB owners who have applied for the Lift Access Housing Grant to date since its introduction; (b) how many have been approved so far; and (c) how many HDB owners have been approved for the grant since its increase from \$30,000 to \$80,000 in April 2025.
73. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the last five years, how many complaints against pet breeders have been received by the Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS); and (b) whether obligations under the AVS' pet shop licences extend to ensuring that pet shops procure pets from licensed pet breeders.
74. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each year from 2019 to 2024 (a) what proportion of applicants under the Family Scheme category of the Public Rental Scheme are (i) single unmarried parents (ii) non-citizen single parents with Singaporean children and (iii) divorced parents; and (b) how many of these applicants have been successful.
75. **Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what long-term engineering upgrades are LTA, SBS and SMRT planning for point machines and track components, including sensors, on all MRT lines; (b) what are the current inspection and maintenance regimes for the East-West Line (EWL) point systems; and (c) whether warning signs had preceded the EWL track point fault on 6 August 2025.
76. **Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how many signalling-related disruptions have occurred on the North-South MRT Line in the past year; (b) what is the aggregate duration of such disruptions and the number of commuters impacted; (c) what caused the 2 September 2025 fault between Woodlands and Yishun MRT stations; and (d) what remedial steps are planned to address such cause.
77. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport with regard to the two power fault incidents on the Sengkang-Punggol LRT between 12 August 2025 and 15 August 2025 (a) whether lapses in routine maintenance have contributed to the breakdowns; and (b) if not, whether LTA considers the current maintenance schedule adequate.
78. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has studied the feasibility of safe charging zones at HDB void decks for residents using PMAs, to reduce in-home fire risks.
79. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the median cost per kWh for EV charging in HDB carparks as compared to private commercial carparks; (b) what percentage of evaluation score is based on the operator's proposed charging price in tenders for charging points in HDB carparks; and (c) whether the Ministry has studied the potential cost-reduction impact of mandating dual-operators in high-demand carparks.

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- 80. Mr Ng Chee Meng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA can provide an update on the current status and future plans of the lift retrofitting programme for overhead bridges in Fernvale; and (b) whether the assessment for lift retrofitting for overhead bridges includes or will be extended to Sengkang West.
- 81. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport regarding the 25 new two-carriage trains ordered for the Sengkang-Punggol LRT (a) what is the detailed timeline for implementation on both loops in Sengkang and in Punggol; and (b) what factors determine the order of rollout across these service areas.
- 82. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth for each year since 2021 (a) how many applications by merchants for inclusion in the CDC Voucher Scheme were rejected because they are located in non-HDB premises; (b) how many of these cases are successfully appealed; and (c) whether the Ministry tracks the number of businesses in non-HDB premises providing essential community services that are ineligible for the Scheme.
- 83. Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how many additional merchants will be included in the Community Development Council (CDC) Voucher Scheme if all merchants in privately-owned shophouses were eligible; (b) whether these merchants can be included if residents appeal to use CDC vouchers at these shops; and (c) what are the factors considered by CDC for such appeals.
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