

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2025**

No. 3

11.30 am

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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 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 GHO SZE KEE (Mountbatten)  
Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied)  
Ms GOH HANYAN (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment  
Mr GOH PEI MING (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development  
Dr HAMID RAZAK (West Coast-Jurong West)  
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang)  
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), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower  
Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru)  
Mr GABRIEL LAM (Sembawang)  
Mr JACKSON LAM (Nee Soon)  
Ms JASMIN LAU (Ang Mo Kio), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Education  
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)  
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)  
Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights), Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs  
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)  
Mr DAVID NEO (Tampines), Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education  
Mr NG CHEE MENG (Jalan Kayu)  
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)  
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition  
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 K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs  
Mr SHARAEEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Changi)  
Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs and Deputy Government Whip  
Mr JEFFREY SIOH (Chua Chu Kang), Acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of 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)  
Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry  
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang)  
Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Changi), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office  
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Manpower  
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 VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang)  
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)  
Ms YEO WAN LING (Punggol)  
Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang)  
Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas)  
Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Deputy Leader of the House  
Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang)

## ABSENT:

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations

Ms GAN SIOU HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry

Ms HAZLINA ABDUL HALIM (East Coast)

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development

Mr NG SHI XUAN (Sembawang)

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (East Coast), Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs

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

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- 1 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
  - 2 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Mr Sharael Taha) (2<sup>nd</sup> Allotted Day) – Question again proposed on resumption of debate (22 September 2025), "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.'." – Debate arising.
  - 3 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health's speeches."
  - 4 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – Debate resumed on Question, "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.'."
  - 5 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order No 91(3)(d), Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.

- 6 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – Debate resumed on Question, "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.'."

- 7 Adjournment of Debate – (Mr Sharael Taha) – (with the consent of Speaker) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned.".

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

- 8 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn." – Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn.".

Adjourned at 7.48 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,  
*Speaker*

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### MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11:30am on Wednesday, 24 September 2025.

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