

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2025**

No. 2

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)
Mr DINESH VASU DASH (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Manpower
Mr FADLI FAWZI (Aljunied)
Mr FOO CEXIANG (Tanjong Pagar)
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry
Ms GHOSIA SZE KEE (Mountbatten)
Mr GERALD GIAN YEAN SONG (Aljunied)
Ms GOH HANYAN (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment
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 SHARAEL 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 SIOW (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 VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar)
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong Central)
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 GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of 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

- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
 - 1.1 Community Care Endowment Fund Annual Report for Financial Year 2024 – Presented on 8 September 2025 (S. 29 of 2025)
 - 1.2 Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2024/25 – Presented on 8 September 2025 (Cmd. 1 of 2025)
 - 1.3 Electricity (Prescribed Generation Entities) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 8 September 2025 (S. L. 170 of 2025)
 - 1.4 Electricity (Electrical Installations) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 8 September 2025 (S. L. 171 of 2025)
 - 1.5 Gas (Supply) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 8 September 2025 (S. L. 172 of 2025)
 - 1.6 Registration of Criminals (DNA Database, Identification Database and Register) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2025 – Presented on 9 September 2025 (S. L. 173 of 2025)
 - 1.7 Registration of Criminals (Reviewing Tribunal) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2025 – Presented on 9 September 2025 (S. L. 174 of 2025)
 - 1.8 Science Centre Board – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 9 September 2025 (S. 30 of 2025)
 - 1.9 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report and Financial Statements for FY2024/25 – Presented on 10 September 2025 (S. 31 of 2025)
 - 1.10 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2024 – Presented on 10 September 2025 (S. 32 of 2025)
 - 1.11 Judicial Service Commission Annual Report 2024 – Presented on 10 September 2025 (S. 33 of 2025)

- 1.12 Presidential Council for Minority Rights Annual Report for the period from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025 – Presented on 10 September 2025 (Cmd. 2 of 2025)
- 1.13 Government Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2024/2025 – Presented on 11 September 2025 (Cmd. 3 of 2025)
- 1.14 JTC Corporation Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements FY2024 – Presented on 12 September 2025 (S. 34 of 2025)
- 1.15 ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 16 September 2025 (S. 35 of 2025)
- 1.16 Lifelong Learning Endowment Fund (LLEF) – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 16 September 2025 (S. 36 of 2025)
- 1.17 SkillsFuture Singapore – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 16 September 2025 (S. 37 of 2025)
- 1.18 Merdeka Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Period ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 17 September 2025 (S. 38 of 2025)
- 1.19 Public Transport Fund Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 17 September 2025 (S. 39 of 2025)
- 1.20 National Environment Agency Annual & Sustainability Report 2024/2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 40 of 2025)
- 1.21 Singapore Food Agency Annual Report 2024/2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 41 of 2025)
- 1.22 Institute of Technical Education – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 42 of 2025)
- 1.23 Nanyang Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 43 of 2025)
- 1.24 Ngee Ann Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 44 of 2025)
- 1.25 Republic Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 45 of 2025)
- 1.26 Singapore Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 46 of 2025)
- 1.27 Temasek Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 47 of 2025)

- 1.28 Home Team Science and Technology Agency Annual Report 2024/2025 – Presented on 18 September 2025 (S. 48 of 2025)
- 1.29 Health Sciences Authority Annual Report 2024/2025 – Presented on 19 September 2025 (S. 49 of 2025)
- 1.30 Enterprise Singapore Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2024/2025 – Presented on 22 September 2025 (S. 50 of 2025)
- 1.31 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statement for Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 22 September 2025 (S. 51 of 2025)
- 1.32 Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2024/2025 – Presented on 22 September 2025 (S. 52 of 2025)
- 2 Oaths and Affirmations of Allegiance – The following Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance or made and subscribed the Affirmation:

Mr Eric Chua (Queenstown)
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)
- 3 Election of Deputy Speakers – Deputy Leader of the House, addressing himself to Mr Speaker, proposed that Mr Christopher de Souza and Mr Xie Yao Quan be elected as Deputy Speakers, which proposal was supported by Ms Yeo Wan Ling.
- 4 24 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 5 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to make miscellaneous amendments to certain Acts" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Rahayu Mahzam), on behalf of the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 9/2025].
- 6 CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the CareShield Life and Long-Term Care Act 2019" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Koh Poh Koon), on behalf of the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 8/2025].
- 7 Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act 2009 to establish the sustainable aviation fuel fund, to provide for the imposition of a sustainable aviation fuel levy and for related purposes, and to make miscellaneous amendments" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Acting Minister for Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No.10/2025].

- 8 Proceedings on Ministerial Statements – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "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."
- 9 Ministerial Statement – Duties and Privileges of the Leader of the Opposition – (Leader of the House).
- 10 Speech Time for the Leader of the Opposition – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "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."
- 11 Ministerial Statement – Situation in the Middle East (Minister for Foreign Affairs).
- 12 Ministerial Statement – Situation in the Middle East (Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (Ms Sim Ann), on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs).
- 13 Ministerial Statement – Singaporeans’ Response to Situation in the Middle East (Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs).
- 14 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Mr Sharael Taha)(1st Allotted day) – Motion Made, and Question proposed, "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.
- 15 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be proceeded with beyond the moment of interruption."

- 16 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.
- 17 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 8.25pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.30 am on Tuesday, 23 September 2025.
