

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025**

No. 4

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)
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 HAZLINA ABDUL HALIM (East Coast)
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)
Mr NG SHI XUAN (Sembawang)
Miss RACHEL ONG (Tanjong Pagar)
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 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
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Manpower
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast)
Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer)
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 MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information

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 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 Energy Market Authority Annual & Sustainability Report 2024/25 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 53 of 2025)
 - 1.2 The Education Endowment & Savings Schemes Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 54 of 2025)
 - 1.3 Singapore Tourism Board's Annual Report FY2024 and Audited Financial Statements FY2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 55 of 2025)
 - 1.4 Building and Construction Authority Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 56 of 2025)
 - 1.5 Board of Architects Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 57 of 2025)
 - 1.6 Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 58 of 2025)
 - 1.7 Housing and Development Board Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 59 of 2025)
 - 1.8 National Parks Board Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 60 of 2025)
 - 1.9 Professional Engineers Board Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 61 of 2025)
 - 1.10 Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report for FY 2024 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 62 of 2025)

- 1.11 Singapore Totalisator Board's Annual Report 2024/2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 63 of 2025)
- 1.12 Singapore Totalisator Board's Audited Financial Statements 2024/2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 64 of 2025)
- 1.13 Appointment of Covering Officer for Commissioner of Building Control – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 65 of 2025)
- 1.14 Productivity Fund Administration Board FY2024 Annual Report – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 66 of 2025)
- 1.15 Building and Construction Authority and its Subsidiary Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 67 of 2025)
- 1.16 Board of Architects Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 together with Statement by the Members' of the Board and Auditor's Report – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 68 of 2025)
- 1.17 Council for Estate Agencies Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 69 of 2025)
- 1.18 Urban Redevelopment Authority Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 70 of 2025)
- 1.19 National Parks Board and its Subsidiary Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 71 of 2025)
- 1.20 Professional Engineers Board Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 72 of 2025)
- 1.21 Public Utilities Board Annual and Sustainability Report 2024/2025 – Presented on 24 September 2025 (S. 75 of 2025)
- 2 Oath and Affirmation of Allegiance – The following Member took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance or made and subscribed the Affirmation:
Mr Tan Kiat How (East Coast).
- 3 14 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Mr Sharael Taha) (3rd 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.

- 5 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr 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 Prime Minister's speech."
- 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 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy 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."
- 8 Adjournment of Debate – (Mr Sharael Taha) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."
- Debate to be resumed tomorrow.
- 9 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.33 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.30 am on Thursday, 25 September 2025.
