

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE**

First Session

MONDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2013

No. 43

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Acting Minister for Social and Family Development and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mrs LINA CHIAM (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Ms FAIZAH JAMAL (Nominated Member).

Mr NICHOLAS FANG (Nominated Member).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health and Government Whip.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HAWAZI DAIPI (Sembawang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Acting Minister for Manpower.

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Whampoa), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Education.

Mr HRI KUMAR NAIR (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Education.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Minister for National Development.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms JANICE KOH (Nominated Member).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms LEE LI LIAN (Punggol East).

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development.

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LAURENCE LIEN (Nominated Member).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Nee Soon).

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris- Punggol).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport.

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Minister for National Development.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Minister for Transport.

Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence and Leader of the House.

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Mr R DHINAKARAN (Nominated Member).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade), Deputy Speaker.

Mr SENG HAN THONG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law.

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Communications and Information.

Mr SITO HAN YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth.

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Acting Minister for Manpower and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Ms TAN SU SHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Nee Soon).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang), Deputy Government Whip.

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr TEO SIONG SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (West Coast), Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEO GUAT KWANG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Asst Prof TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

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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 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 2/2013] – Presented on 14 February 2013 (Pres. Co. 4 of 2013).
 - 1.2 Corrigendum to the White Paper on A Sustainable Population for a Dynamic Singapore – Presented on 15 February 2013 (Cmd. 2 of 2013).
 - 1.3 Financial (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 15 February 2013 (S. L. 46 of 2013).
 - 1.4 Fees (Visit Pass) (Revocation) Order 2012 – Presented on 15 February 2013 (S. L. 47 of 2013).
 - 1.5 Fees (Student's Pass) (Revocation) Order 2012 – Presented on 15 February 2013 (S. L. 48 of 2013).
 - 1.6 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 18 February 2013 (S. L. 49 of 2013).
 - 1.7 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment) Rules 2013 – Presented on 18 February 2013 (S. L. 50 of 2013).
 - 1.8 Customs (Duties) (Exemption) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012 – Presented on 19 February 2013 (S. L. 51 of 2013).
 - 1.9 Customs (Customs Ticket Notices) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 20 February 2013 (S. L. 52 of 2013).
 - 1.10 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of a Member of Public Service Commission – Presented on 21 February 2013 (S. 10 of 2013).
 - 1.11 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of a Deputy Chairman of Public Service Commission – Presented on 21 February 2013 (S. 11 of 2013).
 - 1.12 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Director to the Board of Temasek Holdings Private Limited (Temasek Holdings) – Presented on 21 February 2013 (S. 12 of 2013).
 - 1.13 Medical Endowment Scheme Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 22 February 2013 (S. 13 of 2013).
 - 1.14 Customs (Offices and Stations) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 22 February 2013 (S. L. 53 of 2013).

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- 1.15 Customs (Customs Airports) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 22 February 2013 (S. L. 54 of 2013).
 - 1.16 Customs (Miscellaneous Fees and Rates) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 22 February 2013 (S. L. 55 of 2013).
 - 1.17 Statement of the Minister for Finance [Under Article 147(4)(a) of the Constitution] – Presented on 25 February 2013 (Misc. 2 of 2013).
 - 1.18 The Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for Financial Year 2013/2014 – Presented on 25 February 2013 (Cmd. 3 of 2013).
 - 1.19 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 – Presented on 25 February 2013 (Cmd. 4 of 2013).
 - 1.20 Road Traffic (Maximum Number of Public Service Vehicle Licences for Taxis) (Amendment) Rules 2013 – Presented on 25 February 2013 (S. L. 56 of 2013).
 - 1.21 Public Trustee (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2013 – Presented on 25 February 2013 (S. L. 57 of 2013).
- 2 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Budget Statement – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014."; Debate stood adjourned under Standing Order 89(1); to be resumed on Tuesday, 5 March 2013.
 - 4 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to Tuesday, 5 March 2013."

Adjourned at 5.27 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Tuesday, 5 March 2013.
