

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

No. 58

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), Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for 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).

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), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.

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 MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of 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).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications and Information.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Assoc Prof TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

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

Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

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

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

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

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

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.

Ms TAN SU SHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr TEO SIONG SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Moulmein-Kallang).

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

Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

- 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 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 103 of 2013).
 - 1.2 Central Provident Fund (Private Medical Insurance Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 104 of 2013).
 - 1.3 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 105 of 2013).
 - 1.4 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 106 of 2013).
 - 1.5 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 107 of 2013).
 - 1.6 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 108 of 2013).
 - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (Revised Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 109 of 2013).
 - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 110 of 2013).
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (New Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 August 2013 (S. L. 111 of 2013).
 - 1.10 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2013 – Presented on 15 August 2013 (S. L. 112 of 2013).
 - 1.11 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Directors to the Board of GIC Private Limited (GIC) – Presented on 16 August 2013 (S. 46 of 2013)
 - 1.12 Diplomatic and Consular Relations (UNFCCC NAMA Regional Workshop 2013) Order 2013 – Presented on 19 August 2013 (S. L. 113 of 2013).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 11/2013] – Presented on 21 August 2013 (Pres. Co. 12 of 2013).
 - 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Bill [Bill No 12/2013] – Presented on 21 August 2013 (Pres. Co. 13 of 2013).
 - 1.15 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 22 August 2013 (S. 47 of 2013).

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- 1.16 Annual Report of the National Library Board 2012/2013 – Presented on 23 August 2013 (S. 48 of 2013).
 - 1.17 Annual Report of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore 2012/2013 – Presented on 23 August 2013 (S. 49 of 2013).
 - 1.18 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2013 – Presented on 26 August 2013 (S. L. 114 of 2013).
 - 1.19 Annual Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights for the period from 1 August 2012 to 31 July 2013 – Presented on 29 August 2013 (Cmd. 9 of 2013).
 - 1.20 Annual Report of Home Affairs Uniformed Services (INVEST Fund) for Financial Year 2012/2013 – Presented on 29 August 2013 (S. 50 of 2013).
 - 1.21 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Acting Auditor-General – Presented on 29 August 2013 (S. 51 of 2013).
 - 1.22 National Council of Social Service Annual Report 2012 – Presented on 29 August 2013 (S. 52 of 2013).
 - 1.23 Ngee Ann Polytechnic Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 August 2013 (S. 53 of 2013).
 - 1.24 Republic Polytechnic Annual Report 2013 – Presented on 30 August 2013 (S. 54 of 2013).
 - 1.25 Institute of Technical Education Annual Report 2013 – Presented on 30 August 2013 (S. 55 of 2013).
 - 1.26 Temasek Polytechnic Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 August 2013 (S. 56 of 2013).
 - 1.27 Science Centre Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 August 2013 (S. 57 of 2013).
 - 1.28 Institute of Southeast Asian Studies 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 August 2013 (S. 58 of 2013).
 - 1.29 The Education Endowment & Savings Schemes Annual Report for Financial Year 2012/2013 – Presented on 2 September 2013 (S. 59 of 2013).
 - 1.30 A*Star Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2012/2013 – Presented on 3 September 2013 (S. 60 of 2013).

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- 1.31 Nanyang Polytechnic Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 3 September 2013 (S. 61 of 2013).
 - 1.32 Public Transport Council Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 4 September 2013 (S. 62 of 2013).
 - 1.33 International Enterprise Singapore Annual Report 2012/2013 and Audited Financial Statements for FY2012 – Presented on 6 September 2013 (S. 63 of 2013).
 - 1.34 ComCare Annual Report 2012 – Presented on 6 September 2013 (S. 64 of 2013).
 - 1.35 Annual Report of the Media Development Authority 2012/2013 – Presented on 9 September 2013 (S. 65 of 2013).
 - 1.36 Singapore Polytechnic Annual Report 2012/13 – Presented on 10 September 2013 (S. 66 of 2013).
 - 1.37 Competition Commission of Singapore Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 10 September 2013 (S. 67 of 2013).
 - 1.38 Council for Private Education Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 13 September 2013 (S. 68 of 2013).
 - 1.39 Customs (Duties) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2013 – Presented on 13 September 2013 (S. L. 115 of 2013).
 - 1.40 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 7) Rules 2013 – Presented on 16 September 2013 (S. L. 116 of 2013).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mdm Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "I wish to inform honourable Members that under the provisions of Standing Order No 102, I have on 5 September 2013 nominated the following Members to fill vacancies in the respective Standing Select Committees:
- (1) Mr Gan Thiam Poh to be a Member of the Public Accounts Committee in place of Mr Desmond Lee; and
 - (2) Dr Lim Wee Kiak to be a Member of the Public Petitions Committee.
- The nominations take effect from 5 September 2013."
- 3 Suspension of Standing Orders – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order No 22(1), Questions for Oral Answer set down on the Order Paper for today may be taken till 4 pm today."
- 4 28 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

- 5 Property Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Property Tax Act (Chapter 254 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 13/2013].
- 6 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Income Tax Act (Chapter 134 of the 2008 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act (Chapter 86 of the 2005 Revised Edition)." – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 14/2013].
- 7 Jurong Town Corporation (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Jurong Town Corporation Act (Chapter 150 of the 1998 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Urban Redevelopment Authority Act (Chapter 340 of the 1990 Revised Edition)." – presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 15/2013].
- 8 Adjournment to a Later Date – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to a date to be fixed."
- 9 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

And the Question having been proposed at 4.02 pm and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mdm Speaker adjourned Parliament without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Adjourned at 4.32 pm

HALIMAH YACOB
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
