

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

First Session

MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2013

No. 59

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).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

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), Senior 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.

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).

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), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social and Family Development.

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

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

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), 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).

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

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

Mr SITOY 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.

Assoc Prof TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

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.

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 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).

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 YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

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 CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

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 LEE KUAN YEOW (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Mr SENG HAN THONG (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

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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 Public Utilities Board Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 18 September 2013 (S. 69 of 2013).
 - 1.2 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Acting Managing Directors of the Monetary Authority of Singapore – Presented on 18 September 2013 (S. 70 of 2013).
 - 1.3 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2012 – Presented on 18 September 2013 (S. 71 of 2013).
 - 1.4 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2013 – Presented on 18 September 2013 (S. 72 of 2013).
 - 1.5 Land Transport Authority Annual Report and Financial Statements 2012/2013 – Presented on 19 September 2013 (S. 73 of 2013).
 - 1.6 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 19 September 2013 (S. L. 117 of 2013).
 - 1.7 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Casino Regulatory Authority 2012/2013 – Presented on 23 September 2013 (S. 74 of 2013).
 - 1.8 Singapore Sports Council Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 23 September 2013 (S. 75 of 2013).
 - 1.9 National Environment Agency Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 23 September 2013 (S. 76 of 2013).
 - 1.10 Environmental Protection and Management (Composition of Offences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 23 September 2013 (S. L. 118 of 2013).
 - 1.11 Environmental Protection and Management (Energy Conservation) (Revocation) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 23 September 2013 (S. L. 119 of 2013).
 - 1.12 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Civil Service College 2012/2013 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 77 of 2013).
 - 1.13 Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2012/2013 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 78 of 2013).
 - 1.14 Singapore Workforce Development Agency Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 79 of 2013).

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- 1.15 Audited Financial Statements of Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority 2012 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 80 of 2013).
 - 1.16 Audited Financial Statements of Building and Construction Authority 2012 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 81 of 2013).
 - 1.17 Audited Financial Statements of Council of Estate Agencies 2012 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 82 of 2013).
 - 1.18 Audited Financial Statements of National Parks Board 2012 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 83 of 2013).
 - 1.19 Audited Financial Statements of Urban Redevelopment Authority 2012 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. 84 of 2013).
 - 1.20 Planning (Development Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2013 – Presented on 24 September 2013 (S. L. 120 of 2013).
 - 1.21 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 25 September 2013 (S. 85 of 2013).
 - 1.22 People's Association Audited Financial Statements 2012/2013 – Presented on 25 September 2013 (S. 86 of 2013).
 - 1.23 Productivity Fund Administration Board FY 2012 Annual Report – Presented on 25 September 2013 (S. 87 of 2013).
 - 1.24 National Arts Council Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 25 September 2013 (S. 88 of 2013).
 - 1.25 EDB Annual Report FY 2012 – Presented on 26 September 2013 (S. 89 of 2013).
 - 1.26 JTC Corporation Annual Report FY2012 – Presented on 26 September 2013 (S. 90 of 2013).
 - 1.27 Singapore Tourism Board Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2012/2013 – Presented on 26 September 2013 (S. 91 of 2013).
 - 1.28 Energy Market Authority Annual Report 2012/13 – Presented on 26 September 2013 (S. 92 of 2013).
 - 1.29 Fees (Winding up and Dissolution of Companies and Other Bodies) (Amendment) Order 2013 – Presented on 26 September 2013 (S. L. 121 of 2013).
 - 1.30 Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 93 of 2013).

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- 1.31 Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 94 of 2013).
 - 1.32 Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 95 of 2013).
 - 1.33 East Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 96 of 2013).
 - 1.34 Holland–Bukit Panjang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 97 of 2013).
 - 1.35 Jurong Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 98 of 2013).
 - 1.36 Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 99 of 2013).
 - 1.37 Moulmein-Kallang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 100 of 2013).
 - 1.38 Pasir Ris-Punggol Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 101 of 2013).
 - 1.39 Potong Pasir Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 102 of 2013).
 - 1.40 Sembawang-Nee Soon Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 103 of 2013).
 - 1.41 Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 104 of 2013).
 - 1.42 Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 105 of 2013).
 - 1.43 West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 106 of 2013).

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- 1.44 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 107 of 2013).
 - 1.45 Singapore Land Authority Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 108 of 2013).
 - 1.46 Community Mediation Centre Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 27 September 2013 (S. 109 of 2013).
 - 1.47 Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 110 of 2013).
 - 1.48 Building and Construction Authority Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 111 of 2013).
 - 1.49 Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 112 of 2013).
 - 1.50 Housing and Development Board Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 113 of 2013).
 - 1.51 National Parks Board Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 114 of 2013).
 - 1.52 Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 115 of 2013).
 - 1.53 Singapore Totalisator Board Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 116 of 2013).
 - 1.54 Social Investment Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 117 of 2013).
 - 1.55 Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 118 of 2013).
 - 1.56 Health Sciences Authority Annual Report 2012/13 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 119 of 2013).
 - 1.57 Sentosa Development Corporation Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2012/13 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 120 of 2013).
 - 1.58 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Judicial Commissioners – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 121 of 2013).
 - 1.59 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 30 September 2013 (S. 122 of 2013).
 - 1.60 National Heritage Board Annual Report 2012/2013 – Presented on 1 October 2013 (S. 123 of 2013).

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- 1.61 Singapore Labour Foundation Annual Report FY 2012/2013 – Presented on 2 October 2013 (S. 124 of 2013).
 - 1.62 Chua Chu Kang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2012/2013 – Presented on 2 October 2013 (S. 125 of 2013).
 - 1.63 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleaning) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 3 October 2013 (S. L. 122 of 2013).
 - 1.64 Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 4 October 2013 (S. L. 123 of 2013).
 - 1.65 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 7 October 2013 (S. L. 124 of 2013).
 - 1.66 Fees Act (Chapter 106, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 126 of 2013).
 - 1.67 Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund Act (Chapter 117C, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 127 of 2013).
 - 1.68 Government Contracts Act (Chapter 118, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 128 of 2013).
 - 1.69 Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Act (Chapter 283A, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 129 of 2013).
 - 1.70 School Boards (Incorporation) Act (Chapter 284A, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 130 of 2013).
 - 1.71 School Crossing Patrols Act (Chapter 285, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 131 of 2013).
 - 1.72 Seditious Act (Chapter 290, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 132 of 2013).
 - 1.73 Service Lands Act (Chapter 292, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 133 of 2013).
 - 1.74 Settled Estates Act (Chapter 293, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 134 of 2013).
 - 1.75 Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem Act (Chapter 296, Revised Edition 2013) – Presented on 10 October 2013 (S. 135 of 2013).
 - 1.76 Rules of Court (Application to Proceedings in Subordinate Courts) Notification 2013 – Presented on 11 October 2013 (S. L. 125 of 2013).
 - 1.77 Companies (Winding Up) (Amendment) Rules 2013 – Presented on 11 October 2013 (S. L. 126 of 2013).

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- 1.78 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2013 – Presented on 11 October 2013 (S. L. 127 of 2013).
 - 1.79 Limited Liability Partnerships (Winding Up) (Amendment) Rules 2013 – Presented on 11 October 2013 (S. L. 128 of 2013).
 - 1.80 Building Control (Environmental Sustainability Measures for Existing Buildings) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 11 October 2013 (S. L. 129 of 2013).
 - 1.81 Income Tax (Deduction for Qualifying Training Expenditure) (Prescribed Classes of Individuals) Rules 2013 – Presented on 14 October 2013 (S. L. 130 of 2013).
 - 1.82 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2013 – Presented on 16 October 2013 (S. L. 131 of 2013).
 - 1.83 United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 18 October 2013 (S. L. 132 of 2013).
- 2 18 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Act (Chapter 67 of the 2000 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Second Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 16/2013].
- 4 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act (Chapter 117A of the 2005 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to certain other written laws" – 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. 17/2013].
- 5 Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act (Chapter 189 of the 2000 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 18/2013].
- 6 Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 Revised Edition)" – presented by the 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. 19/2013].
- 7 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 2013 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Acting Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 20/2013].

- 8 Employment, Parental Leave and Other Measures Bill – "to amend the Employment Act (Chapter 91 of the 2009 Revised Edition), the Child Development Co-Savings Act (Chapter 38A of the 2002 Revised Edition) and other written law to give employers greater flexibility in dealing with employment-related matters, to improve employment standards for employees and to refine the benefits for employees and self-employed persons in relation to maternity, adoption, childcare, extended childcare, shared parental and paternity leave" – presented by the Acting Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 21/2013].

- 9 Property Tax (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 8 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 53 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Jurong Town Corporation (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for Trade and Industry).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 12 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."
- 13 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 5.50 pm

HALIMAH YACOB
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
