

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2013

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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 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).

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 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).

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 Communications and Information and Minister for Education.

Mr SITO H 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.

Asst 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.

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).

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 GAN THIAM POH (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

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

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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 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Transfers) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 8 of 2013).
  - 1.2 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 9 of 2013).
  - 1.3 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Medisave Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 10 of 2013).
  - 1.4 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 11 of 2013).
  - 1.5 Central Provident Fund (Revised Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 12 of 2013).
  - 1.6 Central Provident Fund (New Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 13 of 2013).
  - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 14 of 2013).
  - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 15 of 2013).
  - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 16 of 2013).
  - 1.10 Central Provident Fund (Division of Fund-Related Assets in Matrimonial Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 17 of 2013).
  - 1.11 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 18 of 2013).
  - 1.12 Central Provident Fund (Non-Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 19 of 2013).
  - 1.13 Central Provident Fund (Ministry of Defence Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 20 of 2013).
  - 1.14 Central Provident Fund (Approved Middle-Income Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 21 of 2013).
  - 1.15 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 22 of 2013).

- 1.16 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 23 of 2013).
- 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 24 of 2013).
- 1.18 Central Provident Fund (Home Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 25 of 2013).
- 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Dependants' Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 January 2013 (S. L. 26 of 2013).
- 1.20 Health Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 15 January 2013 (S. L. 27 of 2013).
- 1.21 Poisons (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 15 January 2013 (S. L. 28 of 2013).
- 1.22 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 9) Rules 2012 – Presented on 16 January 2013 (S. L. 29 of 2013).
- 1.23 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2012 – Presented on 16 January 2013 (S. L. 30 of 2013).
- 1.24 Road Traffic (Carbon Emissions Tax) Rules 2012 – Presented on 16 January 2013 (S. L. 31 of 2013).
- 1.25 Road Traffic (Prescribed Offence Under Section 127A) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 16 January 2013 (S. L. 32 of 2013).
- 1.26 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 16 January 2013 (S. L. 33 of 2013).
- 1.27 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Judicial Commissioner – Presented on 17 January 2013 (S. 5 of 2013).
- 1.28 Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 22 January 2013 (S. 6 of 2013).
- 1.29 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Revocation of Appointment and Appointment of Non Ex-Officio Members of the Armed Forces Council (AFC) – Presented on 28 January 2013 (S. 7 of 2013).
- 1.30 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Director to the Board of Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Private Limited (GIC Board) – Presented on 28 January 2013 (S. 8 of 2013).

- 1.31 A Sustainable Population for a Dynamic Singapore – Presented on 29 January 2013 (Cmd. 1 of 2013).
  - 1.32 A High Quality Living Environment For All Singaporeans: Land Use Plan to Support Singapore's Future Population – Presented on 30 January 2013 (Misc. 1 of 2013).
  - 1.33 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Computer Misuse (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 36/2012 (Amended)] – Presented on 30 January 2013 (Pres. Co. 1 of 2013).
  - 1.34 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Payment Systems (Oversight) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 37/2012 (Amended)] – Presented on 30 January 2013 (Pres. Co. 2 of 2013).
  - 1.35 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Singapore Accountancy Commission Bill [Bill No 40/2012 (Amended)] – Presented on 30 January 2013 (Pres. Co. 3 of 2013).
  - 1.36 Report of the Estimates Committee – Presented on 31 January 2013 (Parl. 1 of 2013).
  - 1.37 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Change of Chief of Defence Force and Chief of Air Force – Presented on 4 February 2013 (S. 9 of 2013).
- 2 Affirmation of Allegiance – The following Member made and subscribed an Affirmation:
- Ms Lee Li Lian – Punggol East.
- 3 23 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 Monetary Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Monetary Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 186 of the 1999 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act (Chapter 65A of the 2000 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2013/14 and to be printed. [Bill No. 3/2013].
- 5 Financial Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend certain statutes of the Republic of Singapore relating to, or in connection with, the regulation of financial institutions, financial entities or financial instruments" – presented by the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2013/14 and to be printed. [Bill No. 4/2013].



- 6 Insurance (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Insurance Act (Chapter 142 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2013/14 and to be printed. [Bill No. 5/2013].
- 7 Financial Holding Companies Bill – "to regulate financial holding companies and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2013/14 and to be printed. [Bill No. 6/2013].
- 8 Legal Aid and Advice (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 Law).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 22 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the next item be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of the Deputy Prime Minister's speech."
- 10 A Sustainable Population for a Dynamic Singapore – (Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed – "That this House endorses Paper Cmd. 1 of 2013 on 'A Sustainable Population for a Dynamic Singapore' as the population policy roadmap to address Singapore's demographic challenge, and Paper Misc. 1 of 2013 on 'A High Quality Living Environment for all Singaporeans' as the land use plan to support Singapore's future population."; Debate arising.
- 11 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mdm Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 12 A Sustainable Population for a Dynamic Singapore – (Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs) – Debate resumed on Question, "That this House endorses Paper Cmd. 1 of 2013 on 'A Sustainable Population for a Dynamic Singapore' as the population policy roadmap to address Singapore's demographic challenge, and Paper Misc. 1 of 2013 on 'A High Quality Living Environment for all Singaporeans' as the land use plan to support Singapore's future population."

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- 13 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

- 14 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to tomorrow at 12.30 pm."

Adjourned at 7.14 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 12.30 pm on Tuesday, 5 February 2013.

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